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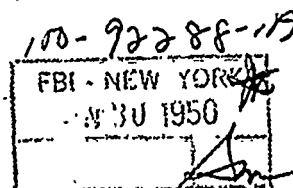
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1- Membership registration form of Herbert Hill, Harlem Branch, SWP, setting out background info. See Serial 4

2. 5/26/58. Credit check on Herbert Hill and  
3. 12/15/58. <sup>Philly</sup> flyer announcing Herbert Hill as speaker at an  
Allegheny Community Council, 11/12/58, at Pittsburgh, Pa. etc





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FILE NUMBER *100-92288-1A* *3*  
Date Received *11/12/58*  
From *PG. 108-S and PG. 109-S*

(name & address of contributor)

By-name of SA *EVERETT R. COTTON, (Pittsburgh)*

To Be Returned.... Yes ( ) No (X)

Description: *FLYER ANNOUNCING HERBERT HILL  
AS SPEAKER AT AN ALLEGHENY  
COMMUNITY FORUM, 11/12/58, AT  
PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AEROSTAT)*

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST  
the ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY FORUM  
DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF VITAL SOCIAL PROBLEMS

INTOLERANCE AND BIGOTRY...  
DENIAL OF BASIC RIGHTS TO THE AMERICAN NEGRO  
IS ONE OF OUR MOST VITAL PROBLEMS TODAY

IT WILL BE ABLY PRESENTED

WEDNESDAY = NOV. 12TH = 8<sup>30</sup> P.M.  
at the

Y.M. & W.H.A. = MURAL ROOM

315 S. BELLEFIELD AVE.  
NEAR PITT UNIVERSITY

BY

MR. HERBERT HILL ~ AUTHOR, LECTURER & LABOR SECR. for  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE  
HE WILL TALK ON

"PROGRESS AND CONFLICT IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH"

the eyes of the world are on us  
and on what we Americans  
do about this problem

FREE TO ALL

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NY 100-922188-1193

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

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5/24/58

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FILE NUMBER *100-92288-1A<sup>2</sup> mh*  
Date Received *5-19-58*  
From *Credit Bureau of Greater N.Y.*

(name & address of contributor)

By-name of SA *Allesio SAVOLA*

To Be Returned... Yes ( ) No (X)

Description:

*Credit check on Herbert Hill*

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Record Request  
FD-125 (5-27-55)

☐ Birth ☒ Credit ☐ Criminal ☐ Motor Vehicle  
☐ Death ☐ Marriage ☐ INS

To:

Return to:

File number

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Name and aliases of subject, applicant for employee & spouse

HERBERT HILL

Addresses

Residence

Business

Former

\*Date and place of marriage  
(if pertinent)

Race

Sex

Birth date

Birthplace

Age

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

Arrest Number

Fingerprint Classification

Criminal Specialty

Specific information desired

(See reverse side for results of check)

4/10/56 repot.

Herbert(Louise)Hill, 25 Indian Rd, NYC.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

he is 33-35 or so, recently married. this  
is her 2nd marriage--prior was divorce and  
has 2 children by former marriage.

she living at instant address over 2 yrs,  
he since marriage, apt 4G(or 4C).

for past 8-10 yrs he with

NAA CP. he is labor relations secty at  
10,000 yr or so.

bank: Emigrant Svgs...

no trade or litigation in filel. clear.

Records furnished by  
Pauline De Fiore to  
SA Paul F. Rowlands

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~~Louise G. Forrest~~  
~~25 Indian Rd.~~

Records of the Credit Bureau of  
Greater N.Y. 5/19/58

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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(Forms believed to have been filled out in Jan 1946 inasmuch as other forms received in the same group were so dated)

See Serial 4

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name HILL, HERBERT Branch HARLEM

Address 248 E 34<sup>th</sup> St Borough MANHATTAN

Telephone LI 2-7357

Present Occupation UNEMPLOYED

Present Union Affiliation NONE

Previous Occupation MACHINIST CRUCIBLE STEEL CO.

Previous Union Affiliation UNITED STEEL WORKERS - CIO

Are You Enrolled in the ALP? YES

Assembly District ..... Election District .....

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100-92288-1A1

Received 11/17/49  
J. Edgar Hoover  
100-92288-1A1

CCW  
JMR



New York, New York

NY 40

*Re: Herbert Hill  
Security matter*

67-214  
- 10-378-114 The McEl...  
6-21-48  
- 10-378 The Nutcracker Vol. 211  
No 32 - 8-9-48  
October 7, 1948  
65-5122-69  
65-1244-1-31  
65-15500-741/12

Re: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

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There is attached a copy of a report dated July 22, 1948 submitted by Confidential Informant [redacted] covering a meeting of the general membership of the New York Socialist Workers Party held at Beethoven Hall, New York City, on July 22, 1948 to outline the Socialist Workers Party plans for the presidential campaign.

The Bureau has been advised of pertinent information in this report and copies of instant memo and report are being designated for appropriate files.

*Send info*

CARLTON N. DILLARD, SA

- cc 62-9278 (P.O.)
- 100-30679 (Harry King)
- 100-87143 (Sam Roth)
- 100-89871 (Julie Daniels)
- 100- (Fred Messen)
- 100-85327 (Sylvia Blocker)
- 100- (Herbert Hill)
- 100-80172 (David Weiss)
- 100- (Frank Schessfeld)
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- 100-59478 (John Fredericks)
- 100- (Herbert Hill) ✓

- 100-86782 (Irving Reisin)
- 100- (Ruth Goldman)
- 100- (Paul Frank)
- 100- (Jane Kelly)
- 100- (Ike Blake)
- 100- (Joe Morgan)
- 100-59096 (Thomas Perry)
- 100-48253 (Ray Sparrow)
- 100-74591 (Carolyn Perry)
- 100-81513 (Freddie Forrest)
- 100- (Mike Bartell)

CMW:WJ  
100-4013

F. E. I.
OCT 7 1948
N. Y. C.
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100-922 P.F.-1

July 22nd 1941 N.Y.C. Local Membership Meeting

I went to 116 University Place to see Irving Bains in reference to the work I had to do on the petition forms which he mailed to my wife who at present is vacationing in Flatishurg, New York. After seeing Irving Bains I went to the membership meeting with Larry King and Ruth Goldstein. While walking toward Beethoven Hall Ruth was telling Larry that she got a job at the Sperry Gyroscopic Plant in Long Island. When we arrived at the executive committee of the New York branches were to hold their meetings before the membership meeting began. The people that I know who are on these executive committees are; from the B'klyn branch, Larry King, Sam Roth, Ruth Goldstein, Paul Frank, Julie Daniel and Jane Kelly. From the east side branch, Fred Lasher, Ike Blake and Sylvia Blocker. From the Harlem branch Joe Morgan and Herbert Hill. From the Chelsea branch, Tom Perry, David Weiss and Ray Sparrow.

The main purpose of the executive committee meetings was for them to plan when and where they would hold their street corner meetings and on what nights they plan to use the public address system.

Mike Kartell called the membership meeting to order and gave a talk on the manner in which the New York campaign would be handled. He said that the Petition campaign would start officially July 24. and then went on to tell the arrangements that had been made. They are:

1. That the Party has engaged a good lawyer.
2. That the Petition forms conform with all the requirements of the law.
3. That the campaign platform had been published in small leaflet form and ready for distribution.
4. He also made the following announcements: 1. The Propaganda and Agitational director Lave Weiss. 2. New York campaign fund treasurer Frank Schoenfeld. 3. New York campaign manager Irving Bains. 4. Trade union director Tom Kerry. 5. Campaign secretary (NY) Carolyn Kerry. 6. Publicity director Fred Forrest, John Fredricka and Sylvia Blocker.

Mike Kartell then went on to tell how the campaign would be conducted:

1. Street corner meetings.
2. House to house visiting and visiting of contacts and if possible to get them to help in the Petition campaign.
3. Propaganda and agitational methods to be used after the Petition campaign is over.
4. The establishing of campaign headquarters (each branch headquarters will be a campaign headquarters to be opened day and night).  
Photo sheet to be prepared by the Propaganda and agitational director to be distributed to all members.

July 22nd 1948 (NYC local membership section (NYC))

The meeting ended with Mike Fortell reading an announcement handed to him by Herbert Hill. Mass meeting to combat police brutality to be held at Walker Memorial Baptist Church 37 E. 116th St. between Lenox and 5th Avenues Wednesday July 22nd 8 o'clock.

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New York, New York

MEMO

Re: *Hurlant Hill*  
*Security matter*

Re: ~~SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY~~  
~~INTERNAL SECURITY - CIP~~

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New York, N. Y.

November 2, 1948

MEMO:

RE: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

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There is attached a copy of a report dated July 4, 1948, submitted by Confidential Informant [ ] covering the fourth day (July 4, 1948) of the SWP 13th National Convention held at Irving Plaza Hall, 15 Irving Place, N.Y.C.

Pertinent material from the report has been submitted to the Bureau and interested offices and copies of instant memo and report are being routed to appropriate files.

CARLTON M. DILLARD, SA

Attachment

CC: 62-5378 (P&C)  
100-50316 (E. R. FRANK)  
100-59036 (THOMAS KERRY)  
100-31931 (J. R. JOHNSON)  
100- (THURBERT HILL)

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July 4, 1948 Fourth Day of the Convention

The session started with a continuation of the discussion on the trade Union resolution as presented by E. R. Frank. The first speaker was C. Thomas (Tom Kerry) who spoke on the N. M. U. He spoke in reference to the charges made by the Stalinists against the Curran Caucus in the discrimination against minority groups. He also mentioned the struggle that is being made to keep the Union hiring hall. As for the discrimination charges against negroes, Tom Kerry said this issue came about because the Curran Caucus would not support Ferdinand Smith's case. The reason he gave for this non-support was not because Smith was a negro, but because to support him meant supporting the whole Stalinists program in the Union. Next, Comrade Hughes got up to speak on the rubber faction in Ohio. During his talk, he pointed out that they don't use any tricks or maneuvers in fighting for their demands. He said they have been able to expand by just joining in with Militant workers and taking the leadership.

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E. R. Frank (Introduced as Bert Cochran) then summarized and the trade union resolution was voted on and accepted unanimously.

Intermission was then had for lunch. During the lunch period, [redacted] sat at our table with [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted]. When we got back to the hall, [redacted] and asked about [redacted]. [redacted] asked [redacted] if she was [redacted] and she told me that her name was [redacted]. [redacted] pointed out her husband to me and pointed to [redacted].

The afternoon session got started with the presentation of the negro resolution by J. Meyer. This Meyer is Johnson of the Johnson-Forrest tendency which split from the W. P. and returned to the S. W. P. After he presented the resolution, the floor was open for discussion. The first to take the floor was William Yancey, who spoke on encouragement of intermarriage of negroes and whites in the Party and he also spoke of the chauvinist tendencies among some of the comrades within the Party. He then tried to explain why during the 1946 campaigns negroes were recruited into the Party in large numbers and how after a short period of time these negroes left. The reason he gave for this was that when the comrades approached these negroes, they made big promises of what was being done in their behalf and that after these negroes came into the party and found things different, they just drifted away. He pointed out that the Party, in order to win over the negroes, must join with them and help fight their problems in a day-to-day struggle.

Myra Tanner took the floor next and told of the experience she had when ~~contacting negro women.~~ She said ~~negro women~~ were the most oppressed group recommended and that there be an addition to the resolution to include them.

Next, to take the floor was John W. Anderson from Fleetwood Local 15. He spoke on the work he had been doing to help upgrade the negroes in the trade unions. He told how the negroes are given all the lowest paid and dirtiest jobs that can be had irregardless of their ability to do skilled work. The person he spoke about whom he had helped in his shop was Ernie Dillard who was chairman for this session. He said Ernie had been given the job of a sweeper when he first started working and he was able to take him from this low position and help him get one of the more skilled jobs that he was classifed to do and thus help fight discrimination of minorities in the local. He said Ernie now holds one of the most skilled jobs in the plant.

Next to take the floor was Herbert Hill from New York. He told of the work he has been doing in the N.A.A.C.P. which is mainly in Harlem, fighting police brutalities against the negroes. He made the statement that the S. W. P. had been working in the N. A. A. C. P. for the past three years. In the past, they have just been helping out in isolated cases, such as the Hickman case, the Ferguson brothers, and Mrs. Wilson and other similar cases. He said that the party intends to sperad to all Branches of the N.A.A.C.P. and help in a day-to-day struggle with the negro people. He then told of the need for negro leadership and that the negro work must be done as a mass movement and coordinated with the work being done in the trade unions. The remainder of Herbert Hill's talk was an exact duplication of the article that appeared in the June 21, 1948, issue of the Militant, page one under the title "Harlem Unrest Seethes at Police Brutality".

One of the negroes by the name of Johnson criticized Grace Carlson's radio broadcast "The Struggle for Civil Rights.". He criticized her for the way she appealed to negro people of the south in her broadcast. He said that all parties more or less appeal to them in the same manner and that appealing to them doesn't do much good that they must be shown what the Party is doing for them.

Grace Carlson took the floor and accepted the criticism and said that she believed she hadn't over-emphasized her appeal because she wasn't misrepresenting herself because she has worked in the negro movement for the past ten years. As for the speech, she thought it was a very good one and said that Comrade J. Meyer had written it for her.

This days session ended with the announcements of the panel meetings scheduled to be held this evening.

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**United States Department of Justice**

2-28-49  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

MEMO

RE: HERBERT HILL

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SECURITY MATTER - S.W.P.

Confidential Informant [ ] by report dated 1-23-49  
advised that the subject attended a <sup>City Convention</sup> meeting of the S.W.P.  
Communist Party on 1-23-49 at SWP hqtrs 116 UNIVERSITY PLACE, NYC  
Informant's report in New York file # 100 - 4013

REMARKS:

Spoke of his activity in NAACP and complained of  
the little help he received from the Harlem Branch  
of the Party. [ ] congratulated him for his  
good work in getting himself elected to the NAACP executive  
board and for his good work on the police brutality cases  
work in Harlem.



C.B.M.

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Edward Schidt	
Special Agent in Charge	
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RE: *Herbert Hill*  
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

Name *Herbert Hill*  
Address *249 East 34th St*  
Borough *Manhattan*  
Branch *Harlem*  
Telephone *Ne-2-7357*  
Present Occupation *unemployed*  
Present Union Affiliation *none*  
Previous Occupation *machinist - crucible steel co.* ✓  
Enrolled in ALP? *yes*  
Assembly District  
Election District  
*Previous Union Affiliation - United Steel Workers - CIO -*

**FOR VICTORY**  
**BUY  
UNITED  
STATES  
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BONDS  
AND  
STAMPS**

**-GEORGE-G, -MCKENNA, -SA**

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COMPLAINT FORM

*100-92288\**  
HERBERT HILL  
Subject's Name and Aliases143 DIVISION ST.NYC

Address of Subject

Security Matter - E SWP

Character of Case

*reps - no cf.*  
JAMES E. FULLER

Name of Complainant

2225 5<sup>TH</sup> AVE, NYC

Address of Complainant

WA 66992

Telephone Number of Complainant

8/2/50 2 45 P

Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT: white, 30 years, born U.S., 6', 170 lbs,stocky build, fair black, glasses, no marks or scars.Employed: Nat. Assn. for the Advancement of the Colored People,  
20 W 48 ST., NYCFACTS OF COMPLAINT: Fuller, who is active on the Committee onHarlem of the Liberal Party feels that the Communists  
and the SWP are infiltrating the Liberal Party  
in the Harlem Area. He said that Hill triedto convince a friend of his, CONRAD LYNN, 271 W 125 ST,  
NYC, that he should join the Socialist Workers Party.Fuller said that Hill is active in the Liberal Party  
and he is convinced that he is a member of the SWP.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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open case*100-92288-5**Charles D. Shores*  
Special Agent*rec'd 88-5890*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
8-18-50

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100-92288*

MEMO:

RE: HERBERT M. HILL  
SM-SWP

Information set out below concerning the captioned matter, was  
furnished to SA B G McKenna and                       
on 8-14-50 by Confidential Informant ND 496 who had legal custody  
of same.

The original material is maintained as an exhibit in New York  
file 100-Below.

REMARKS: *Exhibit is card with info believed used by SWP  
in gathering signatures on SWP nominating petitions in elections.*

I REGISTERED TO VOTE IN 1946		A.D.	E.D.
Name	<u>HERBERT M. HILL</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
(exactly as registered last year)			
Address	<u>248 EAST 39th</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>46</u>
Last Year	<u>MANHATTAN</u>		
(Borough)			
Address	<u>DITTO</u>		
This Year	<u>DITTO</u>		
(Borough)			

*Probably it  
is in  
Hill's own  
handwriting*

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*gjm*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis

SUBJECT: HERBERT HILL  
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

DATE: October 28, 1950

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Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability reported on October 20, 1950 that BEA PEARLMAN contacted CARLSON at SWP Headquarters in Minneapolis on that date and advised that on the previous night she had met a HERBERT HILL from New York City.

According to BEA PEARLMAN the NAACP is presently having a drive to obtain \$150,000 that they need for their Legal Department, and HILL is working on this project for the NAACP and that he is on a speaking tour all over the entire country. HILL contacted all of the people from the Local Board of the NAACP in Minneapolis and St. Paul and also attempted to have them lead him to churches and labor organizations to make arrangements to have him give speeches in order to raise funds.

GRACE CARLSON advised that she has been acquainted with HILL as he has been a member of the party for a good number of years. In 1943 he was organizer in New York; and CARLSON last met him there in 1948 at a national convention. At that time he was named to some office in the NAACP. CARLSON further stated that he broke with the party in 1949 and that she had received a letter from MIRIAN at Youngstown, Ohio who told CARLSON that HILL had not gone on the payroll; also, that he had left the party entirely and completely. It was CARLSON's opinion that HILL was not mad at anybody. His leaving the party was a case of him being a small opportunist who had no differences in opinion but merely wanted a bigger arena to function in.

The informant was unable to advise as to how long HILL expects to remain in the Twin Cities area. According to this informant, BEA PEARLMAN is an active member of the SWP who is also active in the NAACP, and GRACE CARLSON is Minnesota State Organizer for the SWP.

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Looks like maybe we  
should be begin if  
subj is just bit in  
midwest on business.

New York, New York  
Jan. 26, 1951

MEMO

RE: HERBERT MILTON HILL  
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

In connection with the report of SA CHARLES D. SHORES dated Jan. 26, 1951, at New York, New York, the following references were found to be identical and should be consolidated:

HERBERT HILL, Identical

44-94-66  
100-4013-204 p. 3  
100-4013-235  
100-4013-677 p. 8  
100-4013-569-p. 30  
100-4013-915 p. 18  
100-4013-1310 p. 4  
100-4013-1342  
100-4013-2218 p. 12  
100-4013-2524 p. 77  
100-7629-384  
100-28627-3033 p. 1  
100-92288

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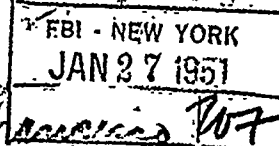
65-5122-69  
65-12414-2  
65-14867-5 p. 617

HERBERT M. HILL, Identical

44-94-61 p. 86  
44-94-61 p. 61

CHARLES D. SHORES, SA

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 100-92288 BLR

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/26/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/15, 28/50; 1/8/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES D. SHORES</b>
TITLE <b>HERBERT MILTON HILL, wa: Herbert Hill</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - SWP</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

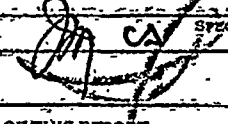
Subject active in SWP from at least 1942 until 1949, when, according to informant, he quit the Party in a fury. He resides at 143 Division St., NYC, and is employed by the NAACP, 20 W. 40th St., NYC. Birth on 1/24/24 at NYC not verified. Description set out.

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DETAILS: At New York, New YorkSocialist Workers Party Activities

This investigation is predicated on information furnished by Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who on November 14, 1942, advised that HERBERT HILL was present at a meeting of the City Education Committee, Socialist Workers Party at 116 University Place, New York City, which meeting took place on November 2, 1942.

On December 12, 1942, Officer FORD of the Harrison, New Jersey Police Department, advised that HERBERT HILL resided at 1149 56th Street, Brooklyn, was nineteen years of age, and was one of the individuals who

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>100-92288-9</b>
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distributed "The Militant", official newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party in front of the employees' entrance of the Hyatt Roller Bearing Company, Harrison, New Jersey,

T-1 has advised that in a bulletin entitled, "Pre-Convention Discussion", issued by the New York Convention on December 13, 1942, the education part of the bulletin was written by HERBERT HILL.

T-1 has advised that on October 12, 1943, HERBERT HILL attended a Negro Committee meeting of the Socialist Workers Party at 116 University Place, New York City.

T-1 has advised that on March 21, 1944, HILL was present at a semi-monthly meeting of the Socialist Workers Party which was held at 116 University Place.

On August 9, 1946, T-1 advised that HILL spoke at a meeting held at 125th Street and Seventh Avenue in New York City protesting the lynch murders of negroes in Georgia. This meeting was sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party.

On July 4, 1948, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that HERBERT HILL made a speech on July 4, 1948, at the Socialist Workers Party's Thirteenth National Convention held at Irving Plaza Hall, 15 Irving Place, New York City. According to the informant, HILL has been working for the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, and he made the statement that the Socialist Workers Party had been working in the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People for the past three years.

On July 22, 1948, T-1 advised that HERBERT HILL attended a meeting of the general membership of the New York Socialist Workers Party held at Beethoven Hall, New York City, on July 22, 1948.

On July 22, 1948, T-1 advised that HILL was chairman of the Speaker's Bureau and Police Brutality Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, and also a member of the Socialist Workers Party.

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On January 23, 1949, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that HILL spoke at the City Convention of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party held at 116 University Place, New York City, and at Werdermann's Hall, 160 Third Avenue, New York. HILL criticized the City Committee, according to the informant, for failing to send forces to participate in the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, and he emphasized how much work he had done himself with very little assistance furnished by a couple of the Harlem Branch members.

T-2 said that HILL'S talk was received with resentment by the majority of the members present.

On November 18, 1949, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that as of 1946 HERBERT HILL was a member of the Harlem Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

In October, 1950, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that in 1943 HILL was an organizer for the Socialist Workers Party in New York, and that he attended the National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party in 1945 in New York City. According to the informant, HILL broke with the Party in 1949, and that he had left the Party entirely and completely.

T-3 said that it was believed that HILL'S leaving the Party was a case of him being a small opportunist, who had no differences of opinion, but that he merely wanted a bigger arena to function in.

According to the informant, HILL at this time was in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area on a National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People fund-raising drive.

On December 12, 1950, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that HERBERT HILL quit the Socialist Workers Party in a fury in 1949.



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Residence

On January 8, 1951, inquiry was made at 143 Division Street, New York City, and it was ascertained that the subject resides at this address.

Employment

On August 2, 1950, Confidential Informant T-5, of unknown reliability, advised that the subject was employed by the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, 20 West 40th Street, New York City.

On December 12, 1950, Confidential Informant T-2 stated that the subject continued to be employed by the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People.

Description

The following description of the subject was obtained from Confidential Informant T-5 and T-6, of known reliability:

Name	HERBERT MILTON HILL
Born	January 24, 1924, at New York City, (not verified)
Race	White
Height	5' 11"
Weight	163 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Marital Status	Single
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Scars and Marks	None visible
Residences	143 Division Street, New York City, 1951; 248 East 34th Street, 1946; 1149 56th Street, Brooklyn, June, 1942.

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Employments

National Association for the  
Advancement of the Colored People,  
20 West 40th Street, 1951;  
Marin Stein Dental Laboratory, 50  
Union Square, 1942; Jefferson-Travis  
Company, 380 Second Avenue, New  
York City.

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Co [REDACTED]

On December 24, 1947, the subject was interviewed by SA JAMES H. FITZGERALD as a complaining witness in connection with a civil rights case involving attempts by racial groups to insure racial equality at Palisades Amusement Park in New Jersey during the summer of 1947. At that time HILL advised that he had just been elected to the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT PAGE

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA CHARLES D. ZHORES dated JAN 24 1951 at New York, New York, are as follows:

T-1

[REDACTED]

T-2

Former [REDACTED] contacted by SA GEORGE G. MC KENNA.

T-3

[REDACTED]

T-4

[REDACTED] contacted by SA GEORGE G. MC KENNA and SA JOHN F. ANDERSON.

T-5

[REDACTED]

T-6

Records of the Local Draft Board No. 173, Brooklyn, New York.

REFERENCE: Minneapolis letter to New York, 10/28/50.

Director, FBI (65-61259)

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SAC, New York (100-102256)

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Reference is made to the report of SALEX I. SHRODER, 10/14/52, New York. This report contains information received from [ ] to the effect that there was a CP plant, unknown to the informant, who had infiltrated the SWP and was furnishing detailed handwritten notes concerning the membership and activities of that organization.

On January 14, 1953, FELIX MORROW, a former SWP member was interviewed. MORROW advised that his SWP activities ceased during 1946. He was unable to furnish any information which would help in the identification of the unknown CP plant. He did state, however, that if information was desired concerning 1949 Central Branch members, HERBERT HILL, who has since defected from the SWP, would be an excellent person to contact in this regard.

MORROW stated that HILL completely disassociated himself with the SWP and he was certain HILL would be receptive to an interview.

A review of the case file on "HERBERT HILTON HILL, wa; SM-SWP" reflects that he did leave the party in 1949. The most current information on HILL indicates he is presently employed by the NAACP, 20 West 40 Street, NYC. FELIX MORROW also advised that HILL is employed by the NAACP.

As the Bureau is aware, the identification of the unknown CP plant is of paramount importance in view of the fact that during 1949 he was alleged to have secured a governmental job in Washington, D. C. In this regard, it is believed that HILL could furnish valuable information in the identification of this person and accordingly, Bureau permission is requested to interview HERBERT HILL.

1-San Francisco (103-1537)  
1-NY 100-92236  
1-NY 100-4013  
1 -NY 100-97073

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 5/4/53

FROM : REX I. SHRODER, SA (100-92288)

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

## POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION

On 3/3/52 [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA REX I. SHRODER and SA RICHARD E. BRENNAN at the New York Office. [REDACTED] was cooperative throughout the entire interview and he offered to be of any further assistance regarding the SWP's activities during the period of his participation.

[REDACTED] can be contacted at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Results of [REDACTED] interview have been reported in New York file 100-102256, dated 3/24/53.

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TO : SAC, NY  
FROM : PATRICK WILLIAM HIGGINS, SA  
SUBJECT: *Herbert Hill*

DATE:

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On 11/27/53 and 11/30/53, [redacted] NY File 100-101596, was interviewed by SA EDWARD FRANCIS MC CARTHY, SA PATRICK WILLIAM HIGGINS, and SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR. of the NYO.

During the course of these interviews, [redacted] orally furnished information concerning individuals known to him as members of subversive organizations. [redacted] was a member of the SWP from 1944 until May, 1952 and although his reliability has not been established, information furnished by him has been checked against information already available and found to be accurate. If further contact with [redacted] is desired, he has requested that the contact be made by SA BAXTRUM or SA HIGGINS.

Information furnished by [redacted] concerning the captioned subject is set forth as follows:

*Member of the SWP  
whom informant believes severed his connections  
with the SWP prior to 1949.*

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**DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358131)**

**5/3/54**

**SAC, ALBANY (100-13776)**

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**[REDACTED] Was.  
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**Rerep SA L. CHANDLER EAVENSON dated May 3, 1954 at Albany, copies of which are attached hereto.**

**The subject was reinterviewed on February 8, 1954 by SAS JOSEPH P. BENSON and L. CHANDLER EAVENSON. He continued his cooperative attitude and freely furnished information regarding people he recalled as associates or acquaintances in the Socialist Workers Party in New York City. Inasmuch as subject has been cooperative and no information is in possession of this office reflecting any present activity in the SWP, subject is not being recommended for the Security Index.**

**It is to be noted that in the report of SA KENNETH M. BIERLY dated January 14, 1943 at New York, entitled "Socialist Workers Party, New York Field Division", Internal Security - R, page 50, it is reflected that information was received from an informant to the effect that one BERNARD GREGSON, alias BEN TAFT, was a member of the Harlem Branch and had reminded comrades that, should they succeed in making Negro contacts, to bring them to the Harlem Workers School which meets on Friday evenings at 72 West 125th Street. The informant described GREGSON as being age 25, height 5'11", weight 150 pounds, slim build, curly hair, brown eyes, long thin face, no chin, and a member of the Harlem Branch.**

**Inasmuch as subject has an admitted alias of BEN TAFT, that he had no chin in 1943 (due to a facial deformity), that he has admitted attending a meeting at the Harlem Branch, and that his physical description is 5'11", weight 150 pounds, and brown hair, it is believed that subject and BERNARD GREGSON, alias of BEN TAFT, are identical. During the interview of subject he advised that he did not recall ever having used the names GREGSON or TAFT.**

**ATL CP - Upon reinterview subject furnished the following data regarding former associates or acquaintances in the Social Workers Party:**

**cc: 1-New York (100-85922) (Info)  
1-New York (100-SWP) (Info)  
1-Albany (100-12661)  
REGISTERED MAIL**

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Re: HERBERT Hill

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MIKE BARTELL

Recalls that BARTELL gave lectures at the Chelsea Branch of the SWP and Downtown Headquarters of the SWP which was known at the "Workers Center," around 1947 or 1948. Subject stated he attended these lectures. He said that he first had seen BARTELL at meetings of the Young Peoples Socialist League around 1939. He said that when BARTELL was in Schenectady, New York in 1952 collecting signatures for SWP Nominating Petitions, BARTELL mentioned that he had been on the West Coast and appeared to be familiar with the Labor movement there.

BERNARD GOODMAN

Subject advised that GOODMAN was a merchant seaman who sailed out of the AF of L Seaman's Hall in New York. He said that he recalled that GOODMAN used to hang around SWP meeting places but does not know whether he was a member of just a sympathizer.

HARRY FRANKEL

Subject stated that on one occasion he was in attendance at a SWP meeting where FRANKEL gave a SWP lecture as a youth speaker.

OSCAR SCHOENFELD, wa. Oscar Williams

Subject stated that he knew subject by both names, but that SCHOENFELD was his correct name. He stated he saw SCHOENFELD at meetings of the Young Peoples Socialist League around 1939 where SCHOENFELD was youth leader.

EUGENE VARLIN

States he recalls seeing VARLIN at a SWP meeting in New York City around 1946.

ABE STEIN

Subject said he recalled seeing STEIN at meetings of the SWP, the last time being around 1945 or 1946. He described STEIN as being an eccentric type individual who used to wrap papers in the SWP Headquarters.

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CHRIS ANDREWS

NY He advised he has seen ANDREWS at meetings of the SWP in New York City.

ARLENE PHILLIPS

NY He advised that he has seen PHILLIPS at meetings of the Young Peoples Socialist League around 1939. He believes she went to the West Coast later.

GEORGE NOVACK

NY He stated that he attended a meeting of the Socialist Workers Party in New York City on one occasion when NOVACK gave a lecture.

HERBERT HILL

NY Subject stated that HILL is an Assistant Field Representative of the NAACP and visited Schenectady recently. He described HILL as being very anti-Communist and is now critical of the SWP. He said he used to see HILL in New York City several years ago when HILL played the piano at SWP social affairs. He said that HILL did not sound much like a Trotskyite to him at the time, and believes that HILL was merely "tolerant."

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the New York Office inasmuch as it is believed that they have prior information regarding the above individuals.

In the event that the New York Office desires that the subject be recontacted at some future date to be asked specific questions regarding SWP activities in the New York City area, the New York Office should advise Albany at that time. Subject will be considered a source of information regarding SWP activity in the Albany Division.

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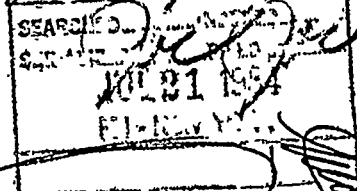
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WALTER CARL RESSAKOFF, SI - SWP, FAG. HERBERT HILL, 103 GREENWICH AVENUE, NYC, AN SWP MEMBER AT NY DURING PERIOD 1943 - 1949, IS AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY REVOLUTIONARY AIMS AND PURPOSES OF SWP UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES OF SUBJECT CASE ARE AS FOLLOWS: HILL DOES NOT WISH TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY RENOUNCED THEIR PARTY MEMBERSHIP AND NOW LIVING WITHOUT ANY SUBVERSIVE CONTACTS. HILL IS LABOR RELATIONS ASSISTANT OF NY NAACP, LOCATED AT 20 WEST 40TH STREET. HE IS POISED, A CONFIDENT SPEAKER AND WOULD PROBABLY MAKE A GOOD WITNESS. HE CAN TESTIFY THAT ON MANY OCCASIONS HE HEARD SWP LEADERS SPEAK FAVORING THE REPLACEMENT OF OUR PRESENT CAPITALISTIC GOVERNMENT BY A DICTATORSHIP OR PROLETARIAT. ALL SWP SOURCES KNOWN TO HIM WHO HAVE NOW BEEN CONTACTED IN AVAILABILITY TO TESTIFY ON AIMS AND PURPOSES OF PARTY. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED PENDING NOTIFICATION THAT NY WITNESSES WILL BE NEEDED IN SUBJECT CASE. RUC

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3-BUREAU (100-374212) (REGULAR MAIL)  
1-LOS ANGELES (100-29530) (AIR MAIL)  
①-NEW YORK 100-92288 (HERBERT HILL) 7-3

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GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, Jr., SA (105-4020)

CHARLES HANLEY  
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Mr. HERBERT HILL, 108 Greenwich Ave., was contacted by the writer on 11/3/54, in an effort to obtain information re the true identity of the subject. It is noted that HILL was an SWP member from 1943 to 1949.

HILL stated that he believed CHARLES HANLEY was a name used by more than one SWP writer. He said it was just a dim recollection, but he thought the name might have once been used by CHARLES CURTISS, whom HILL believes has broken with the SWP and moved to the West Coast.

The writer has examined the handwriting of GEORGE NOVACK, JOSEPH HANSEN, and DUNCAN FERGUSON, and found it to have not points of similarity to that of the subject.

The file of CHARLES CURTISS (100-26400) was reviewed, and although no handwriting specimens are available, it does not appear that he can be the subject of this investigation. His presence in or near NY has not been noted since the early 1940's.

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TO : SAC (100-92288) 7-3

DATE: 4/12/55

FROM : SA George P. Bastrum, Jr.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was contacted by the writer on 4/11/55 and questioned re his willingness to allow his name to be revealed outside the Bureau on information he has furnished re his knowledge of the SWP.

[REDACTED] said he would be happy to furnish any information he has in his possession, but definitely did not want his identity revealed. He explained that if his SWP background became known "I'd lose my job in 10 minutes." [REDACTED] said that he was happy in his work [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had held this job for [REDACTED]

He pointed out that the NAACP was often involved in controversial issues. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated above [REDACTED] said. He would be willing to appear as a witness in any legal proceeding, once again stressing however, his desire to co-operate with the government in every way short of revealing his identity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Newark (100-1984)  
FROM : SAC, New York (100-4013)  
SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
IS-SWP

DATE: 8/1/55

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be concealed, advised SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR. orally on 7/1/55, that a group of NY SWP members and sympathizers journeyed to Atlantic City, NJ, on 6/26/55, to attend the NAACP convention.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] stated the trip was made [redacted]  
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[redacted] In addition to [redacted]  
the informant said the following made the trip:

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- 2 - Detroit (100- ) (RM) (SHERRY HIMMEL)  
(1 - (100-1334) (SWP))
- 1 - Newark (100- ) (RM) (JAMES KUTCHER)
- 1 - [redacted] (P&C) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-7629 (COMINFIL, NAACP) (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-84588 (GEORGE WEISSMAN) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-88074 (CONNIE WEISSMAN) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-115760 (BOB DESVERNEY) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-97481 (OSCAR COOVER) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-103639 (BEEZIE VALLEY) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-124492 (LIBBY COPELAND) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-50937 (VINCE COPELAND) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-100373 (GEORGE STRYKER) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-123969 (SID (LNU)) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-111250 (JOHN ADAMS) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-112158 (SHERRY HIMMEL) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-69167 (ANNE CHESTER) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-119289 (BOB REDRUP) (7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-79299 (MYRA WEISS) (7-3)
- ① - NY 100-92288 (HERBERT HILL) (7-3)

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THEODORE F. BREIL, SA

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Source of Information:

HERBERT HILL, labor secretary, NAACP, 20 W. 40th St., NYC.

Date Received:

9/14/55

Information received orally by SA THEODORE F. BREIL.

HILL advised that during the last National Convention of the NAACP held at Atlantic City, N.J., in June of 1955, GEORGE WEISSMAN, a person known to him as a SWP member of several years ago, was present for sessions of the convention and was seated at the press table, and further that OSCAR COOVER was also present at the convention. HILL described COOVER as a person he remembers from his SWP days.

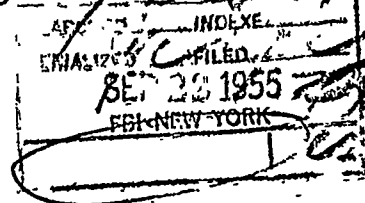
There were several persons at the convention who were unknown to HILL. However, he believed that they were members of the SWP. HILL stated he reached this conclusion due to the fact that he saw these individuals passing out the " Militant," and they were with both COOVER and WEISSMAN.

HILL stated that these individuals did not constitute a recognized delegation to the convention and further that it was his duty as a member of the Credentials Committee to eliminate the representation at the convention of groups for organizations known to him to be subversive.

HILL stated that he has been publicly identified in the CP Press as the "FBI Agent of the NAACP," and that actually it is his duty to fight subversive and Communist influence in the organization. In working toward this end, HILL stated he had been able to introduce a resolution at the convention which identified the National Negro Labor Council.

- 1 - NAACP (100-7629) (7-2)
- 1 - National Negro Labor Council (100-9444) (7-2)
- 1 - National Mine Mill Smelter Workers Union (100-29009) (7-2)
- ① - HERBERT HILL (100-93707) (7-3)
- 1 - GEORGE WEISSMAN (100-94548) (7-3)
- 1 - OSCAR COOVER (100-97461) (7-3)
- 1 - EDWARD GUINIER (100-14192) (12-1)
- 1 - VICTORIA ARVIA (100- ) (20-11)
- 1 - STEVE SCALD (100-110211) (7-3)

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HILL advised that during the convention he recognized a person who was attempting to gain recognition from the chairman and thus spoke at the convention as VICTORIA GARVIA. HILL stated that he knew this person to have been active in several "left wing" labor unions, and knew further that she did not have credentials as a delegate to the convention. He discreetly brought this to the attention of the chairman who subsequently refused the right to speak at the convention to GARVIA.

HILL stated that recently he had met one EDWARD GUINIER who is known to him as a former subversive. According to GUINIER, he is no longer a Stalinist and has broken completely with the subversive movement. However, HILL stated in his opinion GUINIER has either gone "underground" or is lying for some reason.

HILL stated that during the very recent past he has been working in close cooperation with representatives of the Communications Workers of America (CWA-CIO) in a project to remove the National Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Union from a refinery and smelting plant located at Staten Island. Hill said that in the near future a government sponsored election for the union to represent the employees at this plant will be held, and he believes it possible that the Smelter Workers Union which presently represents the employee will be defeated.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4013)  
SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
IS - SWP

DATE: 4/30/56

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Source:

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Information furnished: Minutes of club executive meetings #32 through #37.

Date Received: 3/8/56

Furnished By: SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.

Location: Set forth below.

- 2 - Bureau (100-16)(RM)
- 2 - Buffalo (100-6516)(RM)  
(1 - 100- ) ("MARSH" - SAM MARCY)
- 2 - Chicago (65-645)(Enc. 1)(RM)  
(1 - 100- ) ("LARSEN")
- 2 - Cleveland (100-1012)(RM)  
(1 - 100-19987) ("FRENCH" - JEAN SIMON)
- 3 - Detroit (100-1334)(RM)  
(1 - 100-23622) ("SLOAN" - GEORGE BREITMAN)  
(1 - 100- ) ("J. ALLEN" - ALLEN HANSEN)
- 1 - San Francisco (61-380)(RM)
- 1 - NY 100-7388 ("BARR" - FARRELL DOBBS)
- 1 - NY 100-61363 ("BLANCHER" - DAN ROBERTS)
- 1 - NY 100-79299 ("BOWERS" - MYRA WEISS)
- 1 - NY 100-26400 ("FARMER" - ROBERT CHESTER)
- 1 - NY 100-50937 ("GROSS" - VINCENT COPELAND)
- 1 - NY 100-69369 ("HERRICK" - JOSEPH HANSEN)
- 1 - NY 100-60264 ("MERRITT" - MURRY WEISS)
- 1 - NY 100-59481 ("PORTER" - ART PREIS)

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[redacted] furnished, as set forth above, a number of mimeographed copies of minutes of the SWP Club Executive as set forth above, which have not been available before or only partially available.

The material furnished by the informant has been reviewed and location indicated as follows:

Minutes of Club Executive Number 32, dated May 31, 1955, (located NY 100-4013-1A-1827).

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Regular members present:

[redacted]

Alternate members present:

[redacted]

The minutes reflect that the Chairman of this meeting was SHORT. The first item on the agenda was a report by HERRICK on a discussion with Chicago comrades.

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1 - NY 100-50843 ("ROGERS" - JOHN G. WRIGHT)  
1 - NY 100-59476 ("SHORT" - MORRIS STEIN)  
1 - NY 100-84588 ("MALLACE" - GEORGE WEISSMAN)  
1 - NY 100-48253 ("BIRD" - RAY SPARROW)  
1 - NY 100-124594 ("GIBBS" - SWP National Committee Member)  
1 - NY 100-121998 ("ROBINSON" - SWP National Committee  
alternate member)

① - NY 100-92570 (HERBERT HILL)  
1 - NY 100-6680 (ISL)  
1 - NY 100-25903 (MAX SHACHTMAN)  
1 - NY 100- (I. F. STONE)

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A motion made by SHORT was carried to approve HERRICK'S report and proposals outlined by him except for that part LARSEN has taken exception to, which should be further examined by the Secretariat and acted upon by them.

The second item on the agenda was a proposal by SHORT that an anti-Stalinist campaign be launched geared to the admittance by KHRUSHCHEV that TITO had been the victim of a frame-up. SHORT stated this campaign, which would demand freedom for all political prisoners in the Soviet Union, should be a natural for the SWP and its co-thinkers abroad. As the campaign gets under way, according to SHORT, an approach is contemplated to individuals like I. F. STONE "who are sympathetic to the Soviet Union" with a view toward launching a broad committee in support of the demands for the release of the political prisoners and the establishment of a commission of inquiry. A motion by ROGERS to accept the recommendation was carried.

The third item on the agenda was a discussion of the Supreme Court decision regarding the carrying out of desegregation on a prompt and reasonable basis. The following took part in this discussion:

PORTER, ROGERS, MARSH, BOWERS, WALLACE, MERRITT, SHORT, GIBBS, BLANCHER, GROSS, and BARR.

As far as SWP action on the Supreme Court decision was concerned GIBBS recommended the Party line should call for mass action on the part of all Negroes to carry out the Supreme Court decision. BLANCHER made the point that at the time the court decision was announced SLOAN hesitated about hailing it as a victory on the grounds that it would strengthen the legalistic approach, especially of the NAACP. BLANCHER said he believed, however, that the decision means an end to that phase of the question and poses the need for mass struggle. In concluding the discussion, BARR stated that FRENCH had excepted the assignment

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of writing a pamphlet on desegregation and would be concentrating her major time on this. The SWP Secretariat was to write to her outlining the main lines of approach.

In regard to the above, it should be noted that a pamphlet on the subject of desegregation written by JEAN SIMON was put out by the SWP later in the year of 1955. From the above it appears that the code name "FRENCH" is used by SIMON as far as her membership in the SWP National Committee is concerned and this alias should be noted.

Attached to the above described Club Executive minutes was HERRICK'S report on his discussion with the Chicago comrades. A Photostat has been prepared of this attachment and is being submitted with instant letter to the Chicago Office.

Minutes of Club Executive Number 33, dated June 28, 1955, (located NY 100-4013-1A-1827).

The following regular members of the Club Executive were present:

[redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted]

The following alternate members were present:

[redacted]

The Chairman of the meeting was WALLACE and the first item on the agenda concerned the San Francisco election campaign.

BARR reported that San Francisco proposes running candidates for mayor and supervisor in the fall municipal elections. A motion was carried to approve the proposal of the San Francisco Executive Committee to run Party candidates.

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The second item on the agenda was a decision to hold a closed plenum of the National Committee September 16, 17, 18.

The third item on the agenda was a discussion of the SHACHTMAN passport decision and there was a general agreement to study the next moves of the government in the SHACHTMAN case before considering any definite steps on the part of the SWP.

The fourth item on the agenda was a report by WALLACE on the NAACP convention. At the conclusion of the report WALLACE stated that "HERBIE HILL has become a very important figure." He said HILL was a labor assistant and NAACP trouble shooter. WALLACE also said that HILL was outwardly friendly to him at the convention. Following WALLACE'S report there were questions and comments by [redacted] and [redacted] reported the action taken by New York Local. Following the adjournment of the meeting a statement by SLOAN was entered into the record in which he objected to the statement by BLANCHER quoted in the Club Executive minutes of 3/31/55 re SLOAN'S hesitation on the Supreme Court decision. SLOAN said further that there had been no hesitation and that on the day after the Supreme Court decision he wrote the first article on the subject, which appeared in the paper dated 5/24/55.

Minutes of Club Executive Number 34 dated July 19, 1955, (located in NY 100-4013-1A-1829).

The following regular members were present:

[redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted]

The following alternate members were present:

ROBINSON and WALLACE.

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The Chairman of the meeting was GROSS.

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The first item on the agenda was a report by WALLACE on the SHACHTMAN case. WALLACE made the point that the case was interesting for the SWP since the hearing on the Independent Socialist League may have a bearing on every case against the subversive list. He said that all the publicity and the difficulty the SHACHTMANITES had been having in getting a hearing had put the Justice Department in an uncomfortable position.

Following the report by WALLACE there was a discussion in which the following members took part:

BOWERS, BARR, SHORT, and BLANCHER.

The second item on the agenda was a discussion by BARR on the draft resolutions which are sections of a general international resolutions of the SWP. BARR stated of the four members of the Secretariat who had discussed the draft, SHORT, MERRITT and BARR agreed with the general line, but HERRICK disagreed with them on the type of state in China.

Minutes of Club Executive Number 35, August 2, 1955, (located in NY 100-4013-1A-1830):

The following regular members were present:

[REDACTED]

The following alternate members were present:

[REDACTED]

The Chairman of the meeting was [REDACTED]

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The first item on the agenda was the carrying of a motion to approve a proposal of the Twin Cities comrades to merge the Minneapolis and St. Paul branches into a single branch.

The second item on the agenda was an approval of a recommendation by the Secretariat to have "Comrade Marsh of Buffalo" help in drafting the international resolution while he is at the center.

The third item on the agenda was the carrying of a motion by BARR that arrangements be made by the Plenum to meet at a "summer establishment in the vicinity of New York."

The fourth item on the agenda was a report by HERRICK regarding the Trotsky school. HERRICK discussed the present financial status of the school and GIBBS added a recommendation that in the future each branch raise \$50 to help subsidize each student they send to the school.

The fifth item on the agenda was a report by SHORT on the progress of work on the draft resolutions. He said that the following comrades were now involved in this work:

ROGERS, SHORT, and BARR.

Minutes of Club Executive Number 36, August 23, 1955, (located NY 100-4013-1A-1831).

Regular members present were the following:

[REDACTED]

The alternate member present was:

[REDACTED]



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The Chairman of the meeting was [redacted]

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the convention political resolution by BARR. He said that no amendments had been submitted to the resolution since the convention and the major propositions of the resolution had been confirmed by events. Since no redrafting was necessary, it was proposed that the coming SWP Plenum confirm the political resolution as drafted. BARR recommended stepping up the Party propaganda offensive and to lay plans to extend the penetration of the Party into the South with the ultimate objective of creating Party units there.

Minutes of Club Executive Number 37, August 30, 1955, (located in NY 100-4013-1A-1823).

Regular members present were as follows:

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[redacted]  
The alternate member present was:

[redacted]  
Chairman of the meeting was [redacted]

The only item on the agenda was discussion of the international resolution centering around the receipt of a letter from PENG dated August 2. Peng's letter set forth that he agreed generally with the SWP analysis of the Chinese question, but found it necessary to raise the following questions:

A. How can it be a workers state when it allows the bourgeoisie to participate at all levels?

B. China is now like the Buffer zone in eastern Europe before 1947. Should the Buffer zone be recognized as workers state too?

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C. PENG considers the state character of China at present as "of a peculiar transitional dual character."

There was no further discussion in this matter following the reading of PENG's letter.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK ( 100-92288 )      DATE: 11/6/56  
FROM : SA ARCH REID (7-5)  
SUBJECT: HERBERT HILL

c/o NAACP

20 W. 40th St. NY, NY

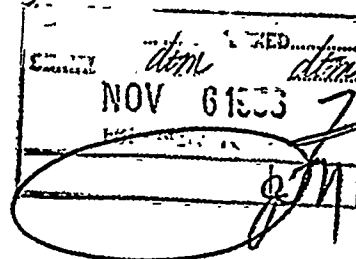
On 8/31/56, JAMES GRAHAM, Assistant Inspector-in-Charge, United States Post Office, 8th Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City, made available to SAS FRANCIS P. COFFEY, A. LEWIS BARNETT, ROBERT M. JACKSON and ARCH REID the complete mailing of the "Labor Action" issue of 9/3/56.

The address labels of this mailing were photographed by the above agents on 8/31/56, and the photographs obtained, numbered from 1 through 198, are maintained as an exhibit in NY 100-6680-1A677.

In the event that the above information is utilized in a report, both the source and the nature of the above assignment should be appropriately concealed.

An examination of the above photographs reflects that "Labor Action" issue of 9/3/56, was mailed to the address listed above covered by the NYO. A search of the indices of the NYO has been made concerning this address, and the results thereof are attached hereto on an Indices Search Slip (FD-160).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4013) DATE: 12/17/56  
FROM : SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR. (7-3)  
SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
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Source: Sgt. MATTHEW CONLON, Narcotics Squad,

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Information Furnished: Photostats of CONLON's reports numbered 15-161 through 15-225 and covering the period 2/19/42 to 11/26/42.

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Location:

The material described above was originally set forth on pages 38-77 of a SWP report dated 1/14/43. An examination of this report reflects that no indexing was made of the many names set forth in connection with SWP activities described by Operator #15 (CONLON).

While much of the information set forth in the above-described material may have been obtained by a review of CONLON's original reports at the NYCPD following a PD name check, instant memo has been prepared to insure that existence of the Photostats is noted in each pertinent individual file.

A search has been made of all names set

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forth in the CONLON reports, and where probable identity with the subject of a NY case file has been found to exist, a copy of instant memo has been disseminated to that file.

No further action is contemplated regarding those individuals mentioned by CONLON on whom a case file was never opened, the absence of activity since 1942 indicating expenditure of further investigative time would serve to little advantage.

It should be noted that CONLON has advised his name need not be concealed, and he is willing to testify regarding information in his possession regarding the SWP, contingent on the approval of his superiors in the NYCPD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 5/21/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-64675)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed on 3/20/58.  
He furnished information regarding the activities of  
individuals he had known while he was a member of the  
Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and the Socialist Union  
of America (SUA).

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Where the individuals mentioned by [ ] appeared to be from areas other than New York City, the office of origin was determined by information available in New York and/or information furnished by [ ]

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[ ] in the usual instances, was able to state that a certain individual was a member of the SWP or SUA, for a period of time at least while he, EMERY, was a member of either or both the above organizations. In most cases he was unable to furnish specific dates regarding the individuals' membership in either the SWP and/or the SUA.

The information furnished by [ ] is documented as follows:

Source

Characterization

Date Received

3/20/58

Received by

SAS GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.  
REESIE L. TIMMONS  
ALESIO SAVIOLA (Oral)

Location

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The information contained in this letter may be set out openly in reports with the following predication:

[redacted] on 3/20/58, advised SAS GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR., REESIE L. TIMMONS and ALESSIO SAVIOLA that he had been a member of the SWP in New York City from 1944 to late 1953; and a member of the SUA from late 1953 to about the middle of 1954.

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Should the situation require the portion of the above predication relating to [redacted] membership in either the SWP or SUA may be deleted when the circumstances indicate that that part of the predication should be deleted. The pertinent information regarding the individual in question may then follow the predication. The information furnished by [redacted] on 3/20/58, is as follows:

ALBANY SUBJECT

BEN TAFT

TAFT was a member of the SWP in NYC. He moved to Schenectady. TAFT had a chin which was somewhat deformed.

BOSTON SUBJECT

LARRY TRAINOR

TRAINOR was a leading member of the Boston branch of the SWP.

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BUFFALO SUBJECTS

TED KOVALESKY:

This subject was a member of the SWP. He wrote articles for "The Militant." KOVALESKY was seen by [ ] at one SWP Convention.

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SAM MARCY

MARCY was a member of the SWP and a leader in the Buffalo Branch of the SWP.

CLEVELAND SUBJECTS

DOTTY GRANT

This subject was a member of the New York branch of the SWP.

TED GRANT

TED GRANT was the organizer of the New York branch of the SWP during 1944 and 1945. GRANT is the individual who recruited [ ] as a member of the SWP.

CHICAGO SUBJECTS

PERRY CARTWRIGHT

CARTWRIGHT joined the SWP in Los Angeles. He was recruited by MURRY and MYRA WEISS.

GABRIEL MAJOR

MAJOR was a member of the Chelsea Branch of the SWP in New York.

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WHITEY PERULA

PERULA was a member of the SWP.

EDGAR SWABECK

This subject was a member of the SWP.

DETROIT SUBJECTS

JOHN AUSTIN

AUSTIN was a member of the SWP who served for a time as organizer for the SWP in Baltimore.

FREDDIE FORREST

This subject was a member of the SWP.

FRANK and SARAH LOVELL

FRANK and SARAH LOVELL were both members of the SWP in New York City. They were sent to Detroit by the SWP.

EDDIE and RITA SHAW

EDDIE and RITA SHAW were members of the SWP in New York City. EDDIE SHAW joined the SWP during the early part of 1945.

RIA STONE

STONE was a prominent member of the Johnsonite faction of the SWP in New York City. STONE wrote articles for the Johnsonite faction. STONE left the SWP with the Johnson - Forest Group during 1951.

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LOS ANGELES SUBJECTS

RAY and RUBY DOREMAN

They were members of the SWP in New York City. They left the SWP to join the SUA at the time of the SUA - SWP split.

TYBIE FRASER

This subject's maiden name was KUEHN. She was a member of the SWP in New York.

FRANK GRAHAM

GRAHAM was a member of the SWP and appeared to be a leader in the party. He was a newspaper man by trade and spent a considerable amount of time in China.

ABBEY and ARTHUR KUNKIN

These individuals were active in SWP youth activities in New York City. They moved to Los Angeles. ABBEY KUNKIN also used the name of ABBEY ANDERSON.

GEORGE and EVELYN NOVACK

These individuals were for a time members of the SWP in New York City. GEORGE NOVACK was considered something of an intellectual leader in the SWP.

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IRVING STEINER

IRVING STEINER was a member of the SWP branch in Los Angeles. He later dropped out of the SWP.



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ARNE SWABECK

SWABECK was a member of the Chicago branch of the SWP. SWABECK was reputed to be one of the few people in the SWP who had actually met LENIN, the Russian leader.

MIAMI SUBJECTS

HENYA and LOU SCOTT

These individuals were members of the SWP in New York City. The SCOTTS for a while lived in San Pedro, California. During the war LOU was a seaman.

MINNEAPOLIS SUBJECTS

TOM LEONARD

TOM LEONARD was a member of the SWP in New York City.

TANYA PLEMMONS

This individual was not known to [ ] as a member of the SWP even though she did attend SWP social affairs. She was considered "non-political" by members of the SWP in NYC.

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LILLIAN RUSSELL

LILLIAN RUSSELL was a member of the SWP branch in Minneapolis. [ ] met her at one of the SWP Conventions.

OSCAR SCHOENFELD

OSCAR was a member of the SWP in Minneapolis. One of the SWP members convicted for violation of the Smith Act during the early 1940s.

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NEW HAVEN SUBJECTS

JERRY and MARION HANTOVER

These subjects were members of the SWP in NYC. MARION HANTOVER was also known as MARION WEINSTEIN and MARION WINTERS. She was previously married to an individual known as MARK.

NEWARK SUBJECTS

MARGARET and ROBERT DULLEA

These individuals were members of the SWP who left with the minority faction which formed the SUA.

MAX GELDMAN

SWP member and leader who served for a time as organizer of the Philadelphia branch of the SWP.

CARL SKOGLUND

This individual is an old-time member of the SWP. He resided for the most part at Mountain Spring Camp, Washington, New Jersey.

PHILADELPHIA SUBJECTS

JANIVER HAMELL

This individual was known to [ ] by his first name only. He was a member of the Philadelphia branch of the SWP and was a delegate to the 1948 National Convention of the SWP.

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DAVE and ETHEL WEISS

These individuals were members of the SWP branch in New York City. DAVE was a member of the National Committee of the SWP.

SEATTLE SUBJECTS

DICK FRAIZER

FRAIZER was a member of the SWP. He was recruited by FREDDIE FORREST during a cross-country bus trip. Prior to the trip, FRAIZER and FORREST were complete strangers.

BETTY and BERT VULLIET

These individuals were members of the SWP Branch in Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO SUBJECT

MARSHALL URAN

URAN was an SWP member and leader in San Francisco. He has been a candidate for public office on the SWP ticket; that is he has, in the past, been the SWP candidate for public office.

NEW YORK SUBJECTS

HARRY AND FRIEDA BECKER

Both individuals were members of the New York branch of the SWP.

KATHERINE and LOU BECKER

These individuals were members of the SWP branches in New York City and Akron, Ohio. LOU was also

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known as LOU COOPER. These individuals left the SWP in 1953, with the group that formed the SUA. They were also members of the SUA.

IRVING BEININ

This individual was a member of the SWP in NYC and a member of the National Committee of the SWP. BEININ was a leader in the group which formed the SUA. He was a member of the SUA.

RUTH BENSON

[ ] recalled the name RUTH BENSON in connection with his SWP activities. However, he did not remember anything about this individual.

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RUTH BLOCH

A member of the SWP and later SUA in NYC.

HARRY BRAVERMAN

BRAVERMAN was a member of the SWP and considered to be a leader in that organization. BRAVERMAN was also a leader in the SUA when that organization was formed.

VIOLA CHARLES

[ ] knew this individual by her first name only. He described her as being about 35 (1958) heavy with dark hair. She was a member of the New York branch of the SWP.

ANN and BOB CHESTER

They were members of the SWP branch in San Francisco. He was SWP organizer in that city.

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FRED CLARKE

Was a member of the National Committee of the SWP and when the SUA was formed became a member of the National Committee of that organization.

BERT COCHRAN

COCHRAN was a member of the National Committee of the SWP and when the SUA was formed became a member of the National Committee of that organization.

EDDIE and JEAN COSTELLO

Members of the New York branch of the SWP.

BOB DESVERNEY

A member of the New York branch of the SWP.

FRED EHRENFELD

This individual was known to [ ] as FREDDIE ARONS, a member of the New York branch of the SWP.

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MORTON FEINBLATT

Was a member of the New York branch of the SWP and when the SUA was formed became a member of that organization.

ELAINE and JULES GELLER

JULES GELLER was a member of the National Committee of the SWP and when the SUA was formed became a member of the National Committee of that organization.

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ELAINE was a member of the New York branch of the SWP and became a member of the SUA when that organization was formed. ELAINE was a hard worker for both the SWP and SUA while she was a member of those organizations.

HARRY GOLD

Was a member of the New York branch of the SWP and became a member of the SUA when that organization was formed.

JUSTINE GOTTLIEB

A member of the New York local of the SWP.

TOM GUNTHA

Was a member of the SWP who dropped out of the SWP about the year 1947 after a period of membership.

CHARLES HANLEY

[redacted] had no information regarding this individual.

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HERBERT HILL

HILL was a member of the New York branch of the SWP until about the year 1947. HILL was also associated with the NAACP.

NAOME KANE

This individual was known to [redacted] by her first name only. He described her as a heavy-set individual. She was for a time recording secretary of the Chelsea Branch of the SWP in New York City.

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ELLEN and JOHN KEELY

These individuals were members of the New York branch of the SWP. JOHN was looked upon as an expert on Marxist books and literature.

MOE KNIGHT

Was a member of the New York branch of the SWP and became a member of the SUA when that organization was formed.

LOUISE KUEHN

Member of the New York branch of the SWP.

JOE LASKOWSKI

LASKOWSKI joined the SWP in New York about the year 1949.

ANN LEONARD

A member of the New York branch of the SWP.

ILSE and SID LIPMAN

These individuals were members of the New York branch of the SWP. They resided on Horatio Street, NYC. Prior to their coming to New York, they were members of the SWP in Boston, Massachusetts.

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ABE MARCO

SWP. [ ] Was a member of the New York branch of the  
or remained with the SWP. did not recall if MARCO went with the SUA

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IDA and FRED NESSON

Members of the SWP branch in NYC. They were considered experts in the various steps which had to be undertaken in an election campaign.

LEE PLEMMONS

[redacted] did not know this individual.

RAY PLEMMONS

Was a member of the SWP branch in NYC.

RAY worked on [redacted]  
[redacted]

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ART and ETHEL PRIES

Were members of the SWP branch in NYC.  
ART was an editor of "The Militant."

SAM RANDALL

Was a member of the SWP branch in NYC. [redacted] had met RANDALL about a month prior to the date of this interview. [redacted] asked RANDALL whether he still believed in all that baloney. RANDALL replied what other answer is there to the problems of the world. RANDALL also stated that he still sees these people. From this conversation, [redacted] stated that he felt that RANDALL was still a member of the SWP.

HUGO RASMUSSEN

Was a member of the SWP branch in NYC. He joined the SUA when that organization was formed. He was an active member in the SWP. He lost one arm as a result of an industrial accident. He originally came from the mid-west.



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RUDY RHODES

Was a member of the SWP branch in NYC.  
Lived in Harlem. He is colored.

HARRY RING

Was a member of the SWP branch in NYC.

PRISCILLA RING

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☐ did not know this individual..

STEVE ROANE

Was a member of the SWP Chelsea Branch in NYC. He was a seaman. ROANE was definitely a member of the SWP during 1949 and 1950.

DAN ROBERTS

Member of the SWP branch in NYC.

HAROLD ROBBINS

Member of the SWP branch in NYC..

CARL RACKLIN

Was a member of the SWP branch in NYC.

GEORGE and RHODA ROCH

Members of the SWP branch in NYC. According to EMERY they were recruited by DAVE WEISS.

BEATRICE SIDERYS

Member of the SWP branch in NYC.

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BUDDY SPECTOR

This individual was known to [ ] as BUDDY LENS. As LENS he was known to [ ] to be a member of the SWP branch in NYC. EMERY described him as "an intellectual SWP member." This individual joined the SUA when that organization was formed. [ ] described this subject as tall, dark, thin and who wore horn rimmed glasses.

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JAMES STAEBLER

STAEBLER [ ] were close friends in the SWP. STAEBLER was a member of the New York branch of the SWP. [ ] stated that he has heard that STAEBLER has dropped his party connections. However; STAEBLER still visits with his friends and relatives in the SWP.

MORRIS and SYLVIA STEIN

Members of the SWP branch in NYC. MORRIS was also a member of the National Committee of the SWP.

NORMAN and SARAH STERN

Members of the SWP branch in NYC.

BEN STONE

Member of the SWP branch in NYC.

PETE TAYLOR

Joined the SWP about the year 1945. Was a member of the Chelsea Branch of the SWP in NYC.

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JEFF and KAY THORNE

Both were members of the SWP branch in NYC. JEFF joined the SUA when that organization was formed. [ ] did not know whether KAY went with the SUA or remained in the SWP.

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LUCILLE VALENTI

Now resides on Horatio Street, NYC. Was a member of the SWP branch in NYC.

TIL VANZLER

Was a member of the SWP branch in NYC.

NAT and SYLVIA WEINSTEIN

Members of the SWP branch in NYC. [ ] with NAT on a trip to Venezuela. During the trip, [ ] recruited NAT for the SWP.

CONNIE and GEORGE WEISSMAN

Members of the SWP branch in NYC.

MURRY and MYRA WEISS

Nationally important members of the SWP. MYRA has been the vice presidential candidate of the SWP.

ED WILDE

[ ] had no information whatsoever to offer regarding any individual by the name of WILDE or any similar name who could possibly be associated with the SWP.

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CARMEN and SID WYNN

Members of the SWP branch in NYC. They joined the SUA when that organization was formed.

FRANK ZOG

Member of the SWP branch in NYC. He joined the SUA when that organization was formed.

BERTA and MURRY ZUCKOFF

Members of the SWP branch in NYC.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

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HERBERT Milton Hill

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 7/8/58

FROM: SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO

RE: Herbert Hall

FILE # 100-92288

Attached is an insert memorandum concerning the above named individual prepared in connection with COMINFIL NAACP IS-C (100-7629 Sub C) setting forth the pertinent subversive data on individuals appearing on the current letterheads of the NAACP, 20 W. 40th Street, New York, New York and NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., 10 Columbus Circle, New York, New York.

In the event there is no HCUA record check attached to this memo, the results of HCUA check are located in 100-7629 Sub C where the names are filed alphabetically.

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Herbert Hill, New York, New York;  
Labor Secretary, National  
Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People

The background information regarding Herbert Hill was obtained from James E. Fuller, 2225 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.; the records of Local Board 173 of the Selective Service System, New York, N. Y. and the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York, N. Y.

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✓ The confidential informant who furnished the information received on November 18, 1949, is [redacted]

✓ The confidential informant who furnished the information received on July 4, 1948, January 23, 1949 and December 12, 1950, is [redacted]

[redacted] former [redacted] concealed by request.

✓ The confidential informant who furnished the information received on January 14, 1953, is [redacted]

[redacted] concealed by request.

✓ The confidential informant who furnished the information received on November 30, 1953, is [redacted]

Former [redacted] concealed by request.

✓ It is pointed out for the information of the Bureau that the records of Local Board 173 reflect that Hill was classified 4-F during February, 1943, and as a result, was not qualified for service in the Armed Forces of the United States. Hill was classified 4-F because of a "psycopathic personality - schizoid."

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*John*

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Herbert Hill, New York, New York;  
Labor Secretary, National  
Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People

Herbert Hill is a white male, born January 24, 1924, at New York, New York. He is employed as Labor Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 20 West 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 25 Indian Road, New York, New York.

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[REDACTED] on November 14, 1942, reported that Herbert Hill was present at a meeting of the City Education Committee of the SWP which was held at the headquarters of the SWP in New York City on November 2, 1942.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 18, 1949, furnished information which indicated that Hill registered as a member of the Harlem Branch of the SWP as of 1946.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 4, 1948, reported that Hill attended the 13th National Convention of the SWP held in New York City during the early part of July, 1948. During a session of this convention which took place July 4, 1948, Hill took the floor and discussed the work he had been doing in the NAACP primarily in Harlem, New York City. This work consisted of fighting police brutality against Negroes. Hill stated that the SWP had been working in the NAACP for the past three years. He added that the SWP intended to spread to all branches of the NAACP and help in the day to day struggle with the Negro people. According to this

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informant the remainder of Hill's talk was a repetition of the article which appeared in "The Militant" (page 21, 1948, page 1) "Harlem Unrest Seethes at Police Brutality."

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 23, 1949, reported that Hill attended the city convention of the SWP of New York City held January 23, 1949, at New York City. During this convention Hill discussed his activity in the NAACP and complained of the small amount of help he was receiving from the Harlem Branch of the SWP. During this convention Hill was congratulated on his being elected to the Executive Board of the NAACP.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 12, 1950, reported that Hill during 1949 had quit the SWP in a fury.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 14, 1953, reported that Hill had completely disassociated himself from the SWP.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 30, 1953, reported that Hill had severed his connections with the SWP about 1949.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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of the Socialist Workers Party.*

Cleveland, Ohio  
August 7, 1958

MEMO: SAC, CLEVELAND  
FROM: SA ARLO J. QUILL  
RE: INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE  
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Following is a verbatim copy of informant's report:

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(1 - COMINFIL NAACP)  
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"On Tues. [redacted] at 8 PM I attended the regular meeting of the Cleveland branch of the ISL. This meeting was held [redacted]

[redacted] Those present at this meeting were [redacted]

Also present was [redacted] who I am sure by his conversation that he is a member of the ISL.

"This man was called DON SLAYMAN (phonetic) approx. age 40 or 43 - 5 ft. 8 in - approx. 208 or 210 lbs - dark comp. - blue eyes, black hair graying slightly, can faintly see small scar approx. 1½ ins. above right eye. he had a very bad cold or sinus. DON was taken to Hotel Statler after the meeting by BETTY ELKIN and ALONZO HOWARD in HOWARD's car. DON said he was leaving the next day, in the evening, because he is to speak at Mich. State Colledge on Thurs. July 10, 1958. According to DON's statement to the group his principal activities is in Civil Rights. DON said he is very active in the NAACP and he named several negro and white religious organizations with which he is connected. DON said he is called on frequently to speak at NAACP functions and also to speak in Negro churches.

"DON told the group that some of them should go to the NAACP convention and try and meet people. He said if any of them came to the convention on Wed. July 9, 1958 he would like for them to meet HILL who he said is in the labor dept. of the NAACP. DON said he knows HILL quite well and he is a good man to know. DON told the group that HILL got his start in politics while he was a member of the CP or SP before the split. I do not recall which party DON said. DON told the group that if the SP-SDF and the I.S.L. got together in the next year or two, he feels sure that many white and negro will join. He said he thinks HILL of the NAACP will join the SP-SDF if they merge. DON told the group that there is great possibilities in working with negro and white religious organizations. He said you meet many important people in that work. DON said he thinks the reason there are not more negroes in the socialist organizations is be-

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"cause the socialist are not organized and unity between the ISL and SP-SDF will do a lot because there are many white and negro who are looking for some place to go.

"DON told the group that there is not much opportunity for white leadership in the NAACP. JERRY SMITH asked why and DON told him that it is not like it was when the NAACP was first founded. He said there are plenty of smart negro leaders and they don't need white people to lead them.

"DON said the negro is distrustful of radical groups because of the way the CP once used them. He said if there was a radical group who could gain their confidence again that group could do much to become a powerful force. He said the U.S. is the only country that does not have a strong radical organization. DON said he thinks the socialist organizations pay too much attention to foreign affairs and not enough to the negro problem in America.

"BETTY ELKIN said she thought there is less than a 50-50 chance of the SP-SDF merging.

"DON said he thinks there is a good chance because the majority of the members have voted for it. What is causing the confusion is, several of the leaders have stated that if the I.S.L. comes in they will resign.

"BETTY ELKIN gave the group some information that she said was confidential. This information was her reporting to the group how the votes had gone since the referendum.

"ELKIN named several States, California, New Jersey, Mich., Ill., and several others that I can not recall. Most all was for unity.

"DON SLAYMAN (phonetic) said MAX SHACKTMAN had asked him to come to Cleveland to talk with MAX WOHL who is one of the leaders of the Cleveland branch of the SP-SDF. DON said he had an appointment to see WOHL at the NAACP convention on Wed. July 9, 1958. DON said by talking to some of the leaders of the SP-SDF the I.S.L. hopes to persuade the SP-SDF leaders who are threatening to resign to change their minds. He said they hope to get them to at least try unity for 6 months.

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"ELKIN told the group that some of the SP-SDF members are saying that the ISL is dominating some of the SP-SDF members already, so what do you think will happen if they merge. ELKIN said some of the SP-SDF members are still saying that the I.S.Lers tried to take over the SP-SDF Convention. ELKIN and DON both said the I.S.Lers did no such thing.

"BETTY ELKIN spoke of seeing DON SLAYMAN at the SP-SDF Convention.

"SLAYMAN told the group that the S.W.P. does a pretty good job of recruiting some of the negroes but they do not stay long. He said the SWP is still trying to use the negro like the C.P. once did but the negroes are smart enough to soon find them out.

"BETTY ELKIN told the group that she attended a picnic in Pittsburgh Pa. on a weekend recently. It was advertised just as a socialist picnic. She said the SP-SDF members in Pittsburgh are very friendly with the I.S.L. members there. She said just a short while ago there were only about 29 SP-SDF members in Pittsburgh. Now there are about 75 members.

"MAX SCHOENFELD met DON SLAYMAN at the East end of the rapid. Although DON did not so state, I am quite certain from the conversations between DON and the group and the fact that he was allowed to sit in on a closed meeting of the I.S.L. Cleveland branch that he is a very active member of the I.S.L. DON told the group of a town which he called either Cambria or Cambridge, he said there is a colledge there and he tried to recall the name of the Colledge but could not. None of the branch members had heard of the colledge or at least could not recall. I am pretty certain that DON said it is in Ohio. He told the group that a new group has been formed there and I am sure he referred to the Y.S.L.

"BETTY ELKIN told the group that she and her sister and brother-inlaw are going to Mexico the latter part of Aug, 1958 on their vacation. BETTY ELKIN said her brother-inlaw and Sister of Pittsburgh are going to Mexico by bus and she is going to fly down to meet them in Mexico.



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"I learned that when ALONZO HOWARD was driving to the meeting with BETTY that she mentioned to him that it would be nice if she, MARY KLARIC and he could drive to Mexico in HOWARD's car.

"At the meeting ELKIN told KLARIC that she and HOWARD had thought it would be nice if the three of them could drive to Mexico next year.

"KLARIC said that it sounded good.

"The next regular meeting is scheduled for [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]

Extreme care must be taken in the use or dissemination of this information as informant is working with a very small group of long time ISL members.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-13294)

DATE: 10/30/58

FROM: SA MYRON H. TRETER

DATE DICTATED: 10/29/58

RE: SOCIALIST PARTY - SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUSCARE MUST BE USED IN THE REPORTING OF AND USE OF THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION SO AS TO NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF THE  
SOURCE.

Source	[REDACTED] (PSI, reliable, protect identity)
Description of Info	SP-SDF Meeting, 10/26/58
Date Received	10/28/58
Received By	SA MYRON H. TRETER (WR)
Location of Original	[REDACTED]

Source advised the following:

- (4) - New York (RM)  
1 - SP-SDF  
1 - COMINFIL NAACP  
1 - HERBERT HILL  
1 - MR. BRUNTHAL (PH)
- 18 - Pittsburgh  
1 - 100-13395 BERNARD BOLITZER  
1 - 100-0- [REDACTED] BOB (LNU)  
1 - 100-13667 BETTY LOU GLASER  
1 - 100-13790 LEONARD GLASER  
1 - 100-0- JOHN GRENESKO  
1 - 100-13797 ISL-SP-SDF MERGER  
1 - 100-13672 INQUIRY CLUB  
1 - 100-13704 HARVEY KLEIMAN  
1 - 100-0- DR. JAMES T. C. LIU  
1 - 100-6306 COMINFIL NAACP  
1 - 100-0- DAVID RINNE  
1 - 100-0- MRS. SHORTEED (Phonetic)  
1 - 100-0- SAMUEL SLIMAN  
1 - 100-3525 YPSL  
1 - 100-9435 YSL  
1 - 100-13798 YSL-YPSL MERGER  
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RE: [REDACTED]  
Subject: 1st Anniversary of Socialist  
Unity  
2-4 PM YWCA (Oakland)

The meeting was presided over by Mr. David Rinne. The first item of business was the discussion of the United Branch being a recipient of a charter from the Socialist Party. The next item of business was the coming of Herbert Hill, NAACP Labor Secretary and a member of the Socialist Party, to speak on November 12, 1958. Arrangements were considered for having Mr. Brunthal, the General Secretary of the (phonetic spelling)

Socialist International to speak on labor. Mr. Rinne then spoke on how the Socialist Party has aided labor unions in the past (CIO, UMW, Amalgamated Clothing Workers etc.) during the depression. He also mentioned that the Socialist Party hoped to align the labor union on its program by infiltrating the key positions in labor unions with trained Socialists. It appeared to be the general consensus that the Socialist leaders trained in the past had forsaken the Party once they attained these key positions. Bernie Boulitzer then gave a brief speech concerning the Young Socialist campus activities. He stated the organization operates behind the scenes of the Inquiry Club, The Far Eastern Association, and the NAACP. Also it was brought out that there were about thirty Young Socialists on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. There are supposed to be some on the faculty whose names Bernie did not mention for fear of the faculty members losing their jobs. Bernie also is going to solicit contributions for The Challenge a Socialist organ.

"Dr. Liu of the History spoke on the Formosan crisis. (this talk had been delivered previously at an Inquiry Club meeting (10-17-58). During the questioning period Dr. Liu was asked to discuss the Socialist movement in the Far East. Outside of Japan he considered the movement as being relatively insignificant.

"There were about twenty-five people at the meeting. Among those were Bernie Boulitzer, Betty Lou and Luddy Glaser, Harvey Kliman, Bob, Mrs Shortreed (a Graduate student in the History Department) Dr. Liu, Mr. Dave Rinne, Mr. Grenesko, 1608 Chislett St. Pgh Pa, (lives out of the city-this is a Pgh address) and Mr. Samuel Sliman. Mr. Sliman is active in the New Kensington, Penna. area."

Recommendation:

It is recommended that "The Far Eastern Association" be indexed to this serial.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government:

To : SAC, Pittsburgh (100-13294)

Date: 11/13/58

Dictated: 11/7/58

From : SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON

Subject: SOCIALIST PARTY - SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION  
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Source: [ ] and [ ] (jointly)

Date of Activity: 10/26/58

Date Received: 11/3/58

Agent: SA EVERETT R. COTTOM (WR)

File Location: [ ]

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- 1 - 100-1840, ISL
- 1 - 100-18099, YSL
- 1 - 100- ISL, SP-SDF Merger
- 1 - 100- YSL-YPSL Merger

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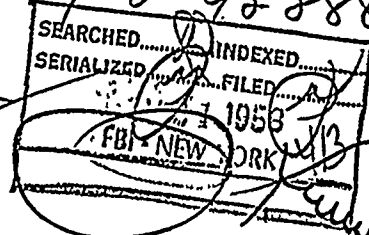
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- 1 - 100-6680, ISL
- 1 - 100-80693, YSL
- 1 - 100-126432, YSL, New York Division
- 1 - 100- ISL, SP-SDF Merger
- 1 - 100- YSL-YPSL Merger
- 1 - 100- HERBERT HILL
- 1 - 100-25903, MAX SHACHTMAN

26 - Pittsburgh

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- 1 - 100-5567, ISL
- 1 - 100-9435, YSL
- 1 - 100-662, SWP
- 1 - 100-3525, YPSL
- 1 - 100-6306, NAACP
- 1 - 100-13797, ISL-SP, SDF Merger
- 1 - 100-13798, YSL-YPSL Merger
- 1 - 100-13294, SP-SDF
- 1 - 100-13621, CARL MINOR
- 1 - 100-13630, JEAN MINOR
- 1 - 100-8924, IRVING OKLIN
- 1 - 100-0 ESTER OKLIN
- 1 - 100-new DAVE RINNE
- 1 - 100-new PEARL RINNE
- 1 - 100-new SAM SLIMAN
- 1 - 100-12918, JOE TALCO

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- 1 - 100-new, UNSUB-BOB
- 1 - 100-13395, BERNIE BOLITZER
- 1 - 100-5713, HUGH CLELAND
- 1 - 100-13667, BETTY LOU GLASER
- 1 - 100-13790, LEONARD GLASER
- 1 - 100-8921, MORRIS KRUPKA
- 1 - 100-new DR. JAMES T. C. LIU



The above source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following written report:

"Pittsburgh, Pa. Oct. 28, 1958

"Sunday Oct. 26, arriving early at the meeting at the YWCa, 405 S. Dithridge St. Socialist Party Socialist Democratic Federation anniversary celebration, Dave Rinne gave a Comrade a letter which was about a T.V program which was being televised in Washington D.C. at 1p.m. over ABC. Dave said that the Socialist T.V. program would make the Democrats and Republican look weak. Pearl Rinne remarked to the question, 'Where is Hugh Clelland?' that Hugh had told her on Friday that he had to be out of town, due to pressure of business and was sorry he would be unable to attend the Sunday meeting.

"There were a number of middle aged and older men came in, Rinne said well New Kensington, I see were able to make it. These were people who have attended other meetings held by the SP.-SDF and then several younger people arrived, these people were also at the meeting held last spring and summer. The negro girl who says she is with the NAACP was present, along with a negro man, although the negro girl was with a Jewish fellow. Morris Krupka, came in, then Irving Oklin a woman a girl with him. By this time the speaker Dr. Liu, remarked that they may as well get started, and Rinne then began to talk on what the Socialsit Party had done. He said that it was just a year ago that the Socialsit Party and Social Democratic Federation had had issued a charter to 22 members. The unity with the Independent Socialsit League, has not taken place in Pittsburgh, due to some problems having to be ironed out, but that will be accomplished, and they will be taken in by December, here. Althou Chicago and other places, has already united with the ISL. New York

and Pittsburgh unity moving along and will be completed soon. But the Young Socialist League the youth group of the I.S.L. has achieved unity with the Young Peoples Socialist League, here in Pittsburgh and the unity brought the YPSL to 15, with ten being present at this meeting.

"Bernie the secretary of the PGH, YPSL spoke for about a minute, saying the Youth group asked the help of the older socialist and their experience and the youth group extended their strength and aid to building a stronger Socialist Party. Their paper being called the Challenge from the old YSL papers name had been carried on to the YPSL paper.

"Rinne chaired the meeting and then introduced Dr. Liu, as an experienced educator on the Far East, and Professor from Pitt. Dr. Liu, laid out cards to represent the islands of Matsu, Quemoy, Formosa and other small island. He explained the geographical position of Formosa, and Quemoy. Quemoy being 9 miles square was so close to the Chinese mainland that the defenses were not feasible, that it was not a defense but a slaughter. The Dulles policy of defending Quemoy, was no good as the Communist on the mainland had outmaneuvered Dulles's defense, and the strategy of the defense amounted to nothing more than slaughtering men, woman and children.

"In Formosa there is a quite different picture. Here the land reforms better economic situation, has caused the Communist leaders on the mainland look with some apprehension. Since the workers on Formosa, now make 3 times as much, and the farmers get the triple increase for what they have to sell, to the people on the China mainland, the leaders on the mainland fear, their people will find this out and cause

trouble. Right now there has been many Chinese from the mainland that have gotten to Formosa and learned of the better conditions. This of course makes the leaders on the mainland feel insecure.

"Althou the leadership of Formosa is a facist leadership, and a military leadership, yet they have accomplished thru the American dollars being poured into Formosa, increased industrial growth, that has made the Formosian far better economically than the Communist have done since 1949 on the mainland. The Military build up is great on Formosa, and the supplies which are shipped daily to run the blockade to Quemoy, keep every working man steadily employed.

"Quemoy with its build up of probably 100,000 men, should be evacuated.

"Formosa on the other hand should be kept well supplied, and defended. Formosa, should not be turned over to the Communist, but they should be defended at all cost. Formosains should be allowed to hold a free election and elect their own leadership, and be an independent country.

"As it now stands there are two Chinas. Formosa should be protected while Quemoy should be evacuated as it is not worth wasting the slaughter of one Chinese man.

"The floor was turned over to question, but they were mostly about other than Formosa. Some one asked about, the possibility of ChanKiShek going back to the mainland. Dr. Liu said he did not think that would be possible as what he thought ChanKi Shek would try to do, and has always expected was that the Chinese people would start a revolt, that would spread all over the country, but that at this time we all know that the Chinese



people are kept from that by not being able to get enough to eat only from day to day, let alone get supplies together to start a war. All uprisings that have started have been put down in a hurry, and how could a Chinese farm start a war with a pitch fork, against the mechanized arms of the tanks, machine guns, and the atom bomb. Life is cheap, and in China a life is cheaper.

"Morris Krupka asked about Viet Nam, and mentioned the name of the Trotskyist leader there who has been able to capture a whole city. But Dr Liu said he is in the jungles. Morris said to the one next to him, Joe knows what I mean but he won't admit that the strongest group there is the Trotskyist, and they took the city not the jungle.

"Pearl and the 2 girls started to the kitchen to make coffee and cake. Rinne said we have a long green plate for the long green money, and you will be served coffee and cake while you put the long green in the plate...

"Rinne announced there would be another meeting late in November, and it will be in the Hebrew association large building. The Colored girl confirmed a question about a speaker from the NAACP national Executive Labor Board would speak in the YM&WHA on Nov 12.

"Morris said he wanted to talk to some of the Comrades, over old times.

"There were 30 present at this meeting, Morris Krupka, Irving Oklin, a older woman and young woman with him, Pearl and Dave Rinne, Carl and Jean Minor, Dr. Liu, Bernie the sec. of the YPSL, Homer, others there were almost all people who were in attendance at other meetings prior.

"Lunching with Morris Krupka, he said that Hugh was out of town. That the old socialists were old bastards who don't want to move over to let new and younger men like Hugh in office. This was the reason that complete intergration of the New York and Pittsburgh branches were holding off until they get what they want, and it will be December before they get everything ironed out the the National executive committee to move some of the old socialist, that want to set back and talk about what they used to do, but are doing nothing now, convinced that they must step down and let younger men in office that will work.

"The Young Peoples Socialist League thou has been completly integrated because the largest group was from the ISL, like (Dr. Liu) Joe, Bernie, and the others. This was a good thing for the YSL had the largest contingent, so Hugh will be still in the leaders seat, Morris said.

"That is what them old bastards fear about letting Hugh in office in the SP-SDF, because they knew he will be able to run things his way in a short time; for he will get out and work, and with his connections he can really build a big following. Almost the whole group of young people at that meeting are friends of Hughs. came to all the meetings he had. Most of them go to Pitt, and thru his work he has always been able to get a meeting when Schachman came to town and have a good crowd turn out. That was the first reason that Rinne got to know Hugh, he (Rinne) wasn't able to get a group together to hear speakers of the old S-P. when they came thru Pittsburgh so Hugh helped him. Both Hugh and, of course Schachman are on the National executive Committee of the SP-SDF, and will speak out.

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"As soon as I read the Socialist Call, I missed the Labor Action. The Call is not worth the paper it is written on, so I am glad that the YPSL kept our old Challenge, Morris remarked.

"Wait till Hugh gets in, and gets things organized, you will see a different meeting, one with action. I don't even know if I am going to join the SP-SDF, I will see, Morris commented.

"Hugh told all of us to come to that meeting to keep things going, Morris remarked, but we still meet out at his place. You know back in thirties we pulled out of them a nice group"

If information in this memo is disseminated, care must be exercised to conceal the identity of the source.

Copies of this memo have been designated for the files of the individuals and organizations mentioned therein.

SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-13636)

December 2, 1953

SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON

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ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY FORUM (ACF)

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[ ] and [ ] who have furnished reliable information in the past and whose identities should be protected, furnished a flyer on a meeting of the Allegheny Community Forum to be held on November 12, 1953, at Pittsburgh, Pa. The flyer was received by SA EVERETT R. COTTON on November 12, 1953, and filed in Pittsburgh file 100-13636-1A(4). The speaker listed on the flyer was HERBERT HILL, Labor Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is believed to be from New York.

An autostat copy of the flyer is enclosed for New York.

[ ] and [ ] furnished a report to SA JOHN H. MITCHELL on 4/13/58, which was filed in Pittsburgh file [ ]. Informants advised that the ACF was formed for the discussion of vital social problems and its aim was to improve civil liberties, promote national health insurance and vital social problems.

The Pittsburgh Office has conducted no active investigation of the ACF and it appears to be a forum for the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation.

- 3 - Pittsburgh
  - 1 - 100-6306 NAACP
  - 1 - 100 SP-EDF
- 2 - New York (Encl. 1) (RM)
  - 1 - 100 HERBERT HILL
  - 1 - 100 NAACP

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

\*United States Government

TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-6306)

Date: 11/26/58  
Dictated: 11/21/58

FROM: SA MYRON H. TRETER

RE: COMINFIL NAACP  
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Source: [redacted] (reliable, protect identity)  
Description of Info: HERBERT HILL Meeting, 11/12/58.  
Date Received: 11/18/58  
Received By: SA MYRON H. TRETER (WR)  
Location of Original: [redacted]

Source furnished the following verbatim report:

"November 12, 1958

"Subject: YMCA & YWCA & NAACP sponsorship of HERBERT  
HILL, National Labor Secretary of the NAACP.

Speaker: HERBERT HILL

Place: Dining rooms A & B of the Student Union.

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Date: November 12, 1958

Topic: The Law as an Instrument of Social Change.

2-New York (RM)  
100- NAACP  
100- HERBERT HILL  
13-Pittsburgh

100-13395 (BERNARD BOLITZER)  
100-5713 (HUGH CLELAND)  
100-13667 (BETTY LOU GLASER)  
100-13790 (LEONARD GLASER)  
100-13705 (JOHN LAFFEY)  
100- (PAUL MASCALERA)  
100-13809 (ROBERT NICKLOS)  
100-13707 (JOSIE OLLU)  
100- (FAYE RATTNER)  
100- (MAYE RATTNER)  
100- (LUCI. PAUL)  
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"Mr. Hill speech concerned Civil Rights, Race, Segregation and the status of 17 million Negroes in the United States. The treatment of these 17 million people is considered as being a large factor in the United States foreign policy. The speaker mentioned the NAACP's resistance to the 'white' primary in the South, where the Negro vote is denied. The Majority of the lecture was devoted to the NAACP's efforts to enforce literally the 'separate but equal' clause of the Plessey vs Ferguson case of 1898.

"The public schools were chosen as the arena for the NAACP's efforts to destroy the doctrine of 'Separate but Equal,' not segregation per se. The case of Sweat vs The University in Austin Texas was cited. Also mentioned were the East St. Louis, Illinois methods of breaking segregated schools by residential proximity. These cases resulted in the Supreme Court decision of May 19, 1954 which outlawed the 'separate but equal' doctrine and challenged the constitutionality of segregation. Through the public schools had arisen a new body of Constitutional Law that voided the doctrine of 1896. There were about 75 people in attendance. Among those were: Lucy Paul, Dr. H. G. Cleland, Paul Mascalerà, Betty Lou, Lenny Glaser, Bernie Boulitzer, John Laffey, Josie Olliu, Bob, Mrs Glenna Mars (Sociology instructor, Faye Rattner and Maye Rattner."

Recommendation: Channelize to respective files as indicated.  
Index name of MRS. GLENNA MARS to serial.

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w/le* OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* United States Government

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-13294)

Date: 12/5/58  
Dictated: 12/3/58

FROM : SA MYRON H. TRETER

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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST PARTY - SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISC.

IN THE EVENT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS UTILIZED,  
IT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY PARAPHRASED TO FULLY PROTECT  
THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

Source: [ ] (who has furnished reliable information in  
the past, protect identity)

Description of Info: Meeting of SP-SDF and YPSL, 11/23/58.

Date Received: 11/28/58

Received by: SA JAMES E. FARMER (W.R.)

Location of original: [ ]

The following unless otherwise indicated, is a verbatim copy  
of the informant's written report dated 11/23/58:

"November 23, 1958

"Subject: Meeting of SP-SDF and YPSL

Place: Oakland YWCA  
Dithridge St.  
Pgh 13, Penna

- 19 - Pittsburgh
- 1-100-177 (WORKMENS CIRCLE)
  - 1-100-3525 (YPSL)
  - 1-100-6306 (COMINFIL NAACP)
  - 1-100-13686 (ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY FORUM)
  - 1-100-13797 (ISL - SP-SDF MERGER)
  - 1-100-13798 (YSL - YPSL MERGER)
  - 1-100-13395 (BERNARD BOLITZER)
  - 1-100-5713 (HUGH CLELAND)
  - 1-100-13667 (BETTY LOU GLASER)
  - 1-100-13790 (LEONARD GLASER)
  - 1-100-13704 (HARVEY KLEIMAN)
  - 1-100-13060 (MAX KUMER)
  - 1-100-12965 (LARRY MILLER)

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100-13818 (DAVID RINNE)  
100-13819 (PEARCE RINNE)  
100-13816 (SAMUEL SLIMAN)

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⑥ - New York (RM) ✓  
1 - HERBERT HILL  
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1 - ILGU  
1 - RICHARD MOORE  
1 - JAMES ONEAL  
1 - SP-SDF  
1 - Cleveland (RM)  
1 - 100-18532 (MARY KLARIC)  
1 - Richmond (RM)  
1 - HELEN RUTNER



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Date: November 23, 1958  
Time: 4 PM - 6:30 PM

"The meeting was opened by Dave Rennie. The minutes of the previous meeting was read by the secretary who is unknown to me at this date. The previous meeting was held at the home of the Tate sisters. (no 1st name nor address available) On the agenda of this meeting were mention of: Betty Lou Glaser's presiding at the Herb Hill meeting of Allegheny Community Forum, Hugh Cleland's and Max Kumer's preparation for a labor union meeting, the mailing of correspondence for the Herb Hill meeting and suggestions for a regular meeting date on the second Thursday of each month. This meeting was held on October 30, 1958.

"The meeting began with the reporting of a proposed December 1958 meeting of Julius Braunthal. This meeting will be sponsored by Socialist Party and Workmens Circle. Max Kumer gave a report on the labor meeting which had Mary Klaric as the speaker. (Refer to report of 10-9-58). Betty Lou reported on the Herbert Hill meeting where the sum of \$16.41 was presented to Mr. Hill to assist with travel expenses. Dave Rennie mentioned that the SPSDF and YPSL was going to rent a post-office box on December 1, 1958.

"Leonard Glaser was appointed as correspondent to the Reading Labor Advocate. The secretary announced the sale of "Socialism's New Beginning" by James Neal. Hugh Cleland announced that a meeting would be held at his residence on Nov. 30, 1958 at 8:30. Bernie Bolitzer announced that he and Bob would be selling the "Challenge" at the Dave Brubeck program at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall on November 24, 1958 from 3 PM to 5 PM.

~~"Hugh mentioned the possibility of Bob going to New York sometime in the near future and a trip that he would be making to Youngstown, Ohio. Helen Rütner attended this meeting. She has been graduated from Pitt and went to a union organizer's school in New York for a year. This school is operated by the Socialist Party. She is now a organizer for the Ladies Garment and Textile Workers in the Virginia area. She is supposed to speak at Hugh's on the 30th. Betty Lou and Tenny are leaving for New York on the 25th of November, 1958.~~

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"There were sixteen people at the meeting. They were:



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[Redacted] gave me the name of this gentleman to contact if I should go to New York.

Richard Moore  
Local 22  
Jt. Board of the Dress and Waist  
Makers Union  
W 40th St.  
NY NY

"New memberships will be acted upon on December (11 or 12) 1958."

Copies of this memorandum have been designated for the files of all individuals and/or organizations mentioned in the informant's report.

Index to serial in captioned file the names of JULIUS BRAUNTHAL and "READING LABOR ADVOCATE."

SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-13686)

December 8, 1958

SA MYRON H. TRETER

Dictation Date: 12-4-58

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ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY FORUM  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

On December 2, 1958, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity must be protected with a T-symbol, furnished SA MYRON H. TRETER a leaflet announcing a meeting on November 12, 1958. This leaflet is maintained as an exhibit in Pittsburgh file 100-13686-1A(5).

The leaflet reflected that on Wednesday, November 12, 1956, 8:30 p.m., at the YM and YWHA, Mural Room, 315 S. Bellefield Avenue, HERBERT HILL would talk on "Progress and Conflict in the American South." This meeting was sponsored by the Allegheny Community Forum and described as being "devoted to discussions of vital social problems."

HILL was described as "author, lecturer, and Labor Secretary for the NAACP."

It is to be noted that informant also attended and reported on this meeting and advised that the Allegheny Community Forum was the same as the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation (SP-SDF). The SP-SDF holds its public meetings under the name of the Allegheny Community Forum.

4 - Pittsburgh  
1 - 100-13294 (SP-SDF)  
1 - 100-6306 (NAACP)  
1 - [redacted]

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1 - HERBERT HILL

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-13294)

Date: 11/26/58  
Dictated: 11/21/58

FROM: SA MYRON H. TRETER

SUBJECT: SOCIALIST PARTY-SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION  
IS-MISCELLANEOUS

Source: [redacted] (reliable, protect identity)  
Description of Info: Allegheny Community Forum (SP-SDF)  
Meeting for HERBERT HILL, 11/12/58  
Date Received: 11/18/58  
Received By: SA MYRON H. TRETER (WR)  
Location of Original: [redacted]

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100-13686 (ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY FORUM)  
100-6306 (NAACP)  
100-13395 (BERNARD BOLITZER)  
100-12059 (CELIA CLELAND)  
100-5713 (HUGH CLELAND)  
100- (ROBERT FOGLIA)  
100-13667 (BETTY LOU GLASER)  
100-13790 (LEONARD GLASER)  
100- (HERBERT MARIPOLIS)  
100-13060 (MAX KUMER)  
100-13809 (ROBERT NICKLOS)  
100- (RAY TILMAN)  
100-13706 (HERBERT WOODS)  
100- (STELLA LNU)  
100- (DAVID RINNE)

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"November 12, 1958

"Subject: Allegheny Community Forum

Speaker: Herbert Hill

Place: Oakland YM&WHA

315 S. Bellefield Ave.

Pgh. 13, Penna

Time: 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM

Date: November 12, 1958

"Mr. David Rennie opened the meeting by stating that the purpose of the Allegheny Community Forum was to discuss vital social problems and the perseverance of the true democratic way of life. The meeting was then turned over to Betty Lou B. Glaser who introduced Mr. Hill whose topic was 'Progress and Conflict in the American South.' The speech (as did the earlier speech.) stated with the introduction of the separate but equal clause in the case of 1896. Mr. Hill stated how the South had used this clause to subject a minority people to its whims. He then discussed how the NAACP attacked this clause in the courts by way of the public schools and initiated a reaction that brought about a new body of Constitutional law to guarantee civil rights. Mr. Hill stated that labor unions position on the admittance of Negro workers was injurious to the Negro an in opposition to the policy stated by the heads (Walter Reuther and Mac Donald) of these unions. He was violently opposed at this point by Hugh G. Cleland who believed the organized labor had done much to improve the status of the Negro worker by the introduction of higher wages. Mr. Hill did not believe that the Democrat Legislature would be liberal on the civil rights issues while Northern congressmen acquiesced to Sam Rayburn, Adlai Stevenson, and Eastland. In order to be liberal the Democrats need to break with the South and have more men like Senator Douglas of Illinois.

"There were twenty-three people at the meeting: David Rennie, Hugh and Celia Cleland, Lenny and Betty Lou Glaser, Bernie Bolitzer, Stella, Bob, Robert Foglia, Max Kumer (an adjustor at Westinghouse)

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and his assistant Ray Tillman, and Herbert Maripolis.  
Also Herbert Woods was in attendance."

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"SPSDF alias Allegheny Community Forum.  
Bernie introduced Bob as the newest member of YPSL."

Recommendation: Channelize to respective files as indicated.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, NEWARK  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136439)  
SUBJECT: DATA REGARDING INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST  
LEAGUE - SOCIALIST PARTY - SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION MERGER,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
IS - ISL

DATE: 12/5/58

Identity of Source: [ ] who has furnished  
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: SP-SDF Labor Forum held at  
55 Irving Place, NYC, 11/18/58  
Date Received: 11/21/58  
Received by: SA ROBERT M. JACKSON (written)  
Original location: [ ]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting  
the following information in order to protect the identity  
of the informant.

A copy of informant's written report follows:

- 1- Newark (100-133268) (AARON LIEBERMAN) (Info) (RM)
- 1- [ ] (Inv) (413)
- ① NY 100-92288 (HERBERT HILL) (413)
- 1- NY 100-108167 (LUCILLE ALTMAN) (413)
- 1- NY 100-135250 (IRWIN SUALL) (413)
- 1- NY 100-121808 (JOAN PARNES) (413)
- 1- NY 100-117895 (WILBUR MC SHINE) (413)
- 1- NY 100-54584 (HERMAN BENSON) (413)
- 1- NY 100-125221 (PAUL WALLER) (413)
- 1- NY 100-96862 (GORDON HASKELL) (413)
- 1- NY 100-98858 (MAX DOMBROW) (413)
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Nov. 19th 1958

Arrived "New Starlite Restaurant" 55 Irvin Place, 8.30 PM.  
Left: 10.50 PM. Nov. 18th 1958.

Sponsored by - Labor Forum.

Speaker: Herman Hill. (Labor representative NAACP)

In the South the unions are faced with segregation. It must face it and be tough enough to be able to break it, if not, they must admit it. Many Unions have capitulated with the Racists rather than fight it. On this issue, soon the Southern Unions will be facing a big crisis. If it is not done soon enough the Negroes who contribute a major force will start to think otherwise about the validity of the trade unions. The White Citizens Councils are certainly getting a stronghold on the Unions. The time has come for the AFL-CIO and the International Leadership to come out and make a stand. The Textile Workers just cannot continue on this basis. The Labor movement is breaking with the Negro. I am appealing to you here to night to try and stop the time that is wasted in functions etc. etc. and begin to face reality. Your responsibility is to come out and speak the truth when these issues come up.

The meeting was then carried on in a general discussion.

Among those present: Lucille Altman; Irvin Suall; Joan Parnes; Wilbur Mc Shine; Archie Winters; H. Benson; Paul Germain; Gordon Haskell; Max Martin.

Remarks: I was advised by H. Benson to attend this meeting in preference to the SP branch meeting held the same evening.

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[ ] orally advised on 11/21/58 that while he wasn't certain he gained the impression that this Labor Forum was sponsored by the SP-SDF.



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- 1 - 100-19431 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
- 1 - 100-18954 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES)
- 1 - 100-17977 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
- 1 - 100-19491 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION)
- 1 - 100-18393 (COMINFIL, RAILROAD INDUSTRY)
- 1 - 100-~~8009~~ (COMINFIL, UPWA)
- 1 - 100-8261 (COMINFIL, NAACP)
- 1 - 100-9178 (COMINFIL, HREBIU)
- 1 - 100-25191 (ICFP)

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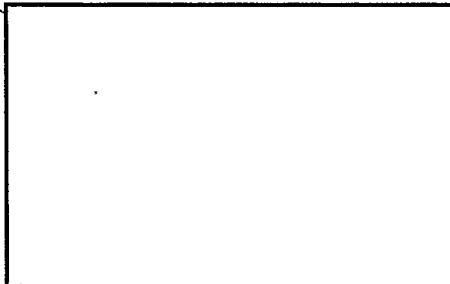
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Chicago, Illinois  
February 6, 1959

On January 30, 1959, the Debs Club, Wagenknecht Section, Illinois District CP, held their regular meeting at the Washington Park YMCA, 50th Street and Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The following were present:



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 chaired the meeting.

TURNER reported that recently he and MC MILLAN met with HAYES at the UPWA Hall. TURNER said that their meeting with HAYES was fruitful. He noted that HAYES said that the UPWA, in the past, has been leading the fight against discrimination in the unions and that he would like to see the UPWA take the leadership in this fight of MC MILLAN's; however, he felt that his union would stick out like a sore thumb if they did.

TURNER reported that HAYES offered a solution to the problem which HAYES said that he felt HELSTEIN would also go along with. HAYES suggested that the Labor Committee of the NAACP has just been looking for something like this to get their teeth into and that HERBERT HILL, Chairman of the Labor Committee of the NAACP, could be brought to Chicago and help solve this problem in connection with GEORGE HARRISON of the Railway and Steamship Clerks Union. HAYES suggested that they could also take up other problems regarding discrimination in other unions at the same time, and that his committee, made up from the Debs Club, could also meet with HILL to discuss discriminatory practices in other unions as well as their President's Committee on Government Contracts.

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HERBERT WRIGHT then gave a report on the legislative program within Local 385 of the Dining Car Employees Union. WRIGHT read a letter addressed to W. O. BROCH, President of Local 385, Dining Car Employees Union, setting forth a proposed legislative program. Briefly, the program called for supporting the merger in the coming elections, a State FEPC, defeat of the Anti-Picketing bill, and extending compensation to 39 weeks from 26 weeks. The program also called for nationally amending the Railroad Retirement Act and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. The program also called for repeal of the Smathers Bill, fight for national FEPC and work for a 30 hour week for 40 hours pay. The letter also urged full participation of all union members to fight on all legislative fronts. The club members wholeheartedly endorsed the program and arrangements are being made to contact BROCH for a special executive committee meeting.

OTTO WANGERIN reported in regard to his literature and announced the CP sponsored Social Sciences classes to be held sometime in the spring. He distributed a schedule of these classes.

OTTO WANGERIN, at the meeting, sold about \$3.40 worth of literature.

WALTER WANGERIN gave a report on the club's finances and said that the club lacked \$35.00 from meeting their fund drive quota. He said the Club expects to reach their full quota. He also reported that the club had gone over their "The Worker" quota.

WRIGHT turned in over 90¢ to WALTER WANGERIN from the sale of ART SHIELD's Un-employment Pamphlets.

BOONE CHILDS turned in \$5.00 to the club's treasury.

ADOLPH RABIN reported on the status of the CP Railroad Conference reports which have been lying on the desk in the office of party headquarters for the past two or three weeks. RABIN stated that he contacted KUSHNER at Party

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headquarters and was assured that these reports will get out. RABIN stated that while he was at party headquarters HATHAWAY of Minneapolis happened to be in the office and KUSHNER gave HATHAWAY the Minneapolis copies of the Railroad Conference report. KUSHNER promised to take copies of the railroad report to THOMPSON in New York.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22011)

DATE:

4-29-59

FROM : SA EDWARD H. WACHHOLZ

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
ILLINOIS DISTRICT  
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(C) On April 2, 1959, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished SA EDWARD H. WACHHOLZ with information concerning a meeting of the Railroad Club, Wagenknecht Section Illinois District Communist Party (CP), held on [redacted] at the Washington Park YMCA, 50th Street and Indiana Avenue. The oral information was subsequently written up in narrative report form and returned to the informant for approval and signature. The signed narrative original report will be located in A [redacted]

- 5 - New York (RM)
  - 1 - 100-84935 (Cominfil Railroad Industry)
  - 1 - 100-27452 [redacted]
  - 1 - 100-109560 [redacted]
  - 1 - 100- [redacted]
  - ① - 100- (HERBERT HILL)
- 1 - New Haven (RM)
  - 100-11181 (Cominfil Railroad Industry)
- 2 - Boston (RM)
  - 1 - 100-18950 (Cominfil Railroad Industry)
  - 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 25 - Chicago
  - 1 - A [redacted]
  - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
  - 1 - 100-14098 (BOONE CHILDS)
  - 1 - 100-18457 [redacted]
  - 1 - 100-12822 [redacted]

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1 - 100-12424 (Modern Book Store)  
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1 - 100-19431 (CP, USA, Illinois District - Strategy in Industry)  
1 - 100-18956 (CP, USA, Illinois District - Negro Question)  
1 - 100-17769 (CP, USA, Illinois District - Funds)  
1 - 100-18963 (CP, USA, Illinois District - Factionalism)  
1 - 100-18209 (CP, USA, Illinois District - Pamphlets and Publications)  
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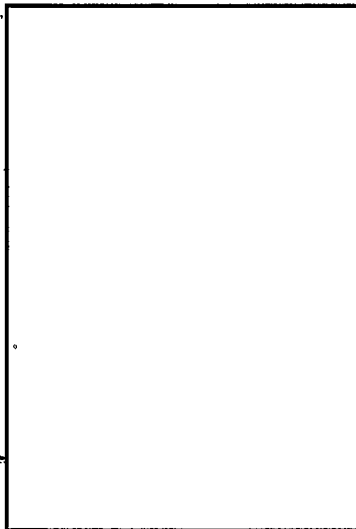
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Chicago, Illinois  
April 2, 1959

On [redacted] the Railroad Club, Wagenknecht  
Section, Illinois District Communist Party (CP), held  
their regular membership meeting at the Washington Park  
YMCA, 50th Street and Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Those present were as follows:

BOONE CHILDS

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT



BOONE CHILDS chaired the meeting.

A report was given by [redacted] regarding  
the Wagenknecht Section's financial quota subscribed to  
the Section by the Illinois District. [redacted] said that the  
Wagenknecht Section's quota has been set as \$1,800.00.  
More discussion concerning this quota is to be taken  
up sometime later.

[redacted] gave a report concerning the  
Legislative Committee in Local 385, Dining Car Employee's

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Union. [ ] reported on the developments of the railroads and as to methods of job solutions on the railroads.

[ ] then gave a report regarding the developments in the Jim Crow Unions. [ ] said that every effort is being made to mobilize delegates for the HERBERT HILL Conference to be held sometime in Chicago.

At this point in the meeting, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was introduced to the membership by [ ]. [ ] said that since LIGHTFOOT had just returned from National Party Headquarters he was therefore being asked to give his report on the latest developments in the East.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT then took the floor but after making a few opening remarks gave no report regarding the latest news or developments in the East.

LIGHTFOOT then immediately went into the matter of the railroad documents. He said that [ ] was back . . . after having been absent for several weeks because of being hospitalized. LIGHTFOOT reported that the railroad documents were delivered to the resident NEC members. LIGHTFOOT reported that while in the East he had an opportunity to talk with [ ] and that during this contact [ ] said that he does not recall a previous letter concerning [ ] visit to Chicago. LIGHTFOOT said that after discussing the railroad report with [ ] said that he had been in contact with members present at the Railroad Conference as well as NEC members and the conclusion was that the matter regarding the distribution of the Railroad Conference report is for the Trade Union Commission. CLAUDE said that [ ] also pointed out that there was vast differences in opinion on the part of the participants at the Railroad Conference and as to the contents of the Railroad Conference Report itself. It was suggested that one of



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the comrades from Boston, New Haven, and New York meet with possibly 2 or 3 people from the Midwest in New York City to iron out these differences. CLAUDE reported that this proposed [ ] is to be called by the Trade Union Commission and that he himself would then also want to attend this conference along with the Midwest group.

LIGHTFOOT reported that an old friend from Boston (possibly [ ]) recommended that [ ] be one of the participants from the Midwest.

During LIGHTFOOT's report, LIGHTFOOT presented a letter addressed to the Railroad Club from [ ] in New York. [ ] read the letter before the members present. The letter pointed out that he [ ] had been in the hospital and regretted not having been able to previously communicate with the club. [ ] said that he did not recall receiving a letter from Chicago regarding [ ] visit in Chicago. He felt that the difficulty surrounding the Railroad Conference Report could be resolved by a conference of representatives from the East and the Midwest to be held in New York City.

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Discussion was then had regarding LIGHTFOOT's report and [ ] letter.

[ ] said that in his opinion the railroad report was a factual report of the conference proceedings and he did not see why the report should be changed one iota. [ ] said that the report had been condensed from the original minutes and he felt that it reflected the opinion of the entire delegation.

[ ] then raised the question in regard to [ ] and [ ] maneuvers in regard to the report. [ ] pointed out that this is not the first attempt to destroy the work of the Party by the revisionist elements. In this regard, [ ] also brought up the topic regarding JOHN GATES and the "Daily Worker". At this point, in [ ] remarks, LIGHTFOOT

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was observed flinching. Also at about this time, [ ] tore into a rage and it was necessary for another member of the club to calm him down. [ ] then said that he also had had trouble with [ ] and that at this time [ ] had assumed a dictatorial attitude toward him. [ ] in the presence of the membership of the Railroad Club then turned to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and told CLAUDE that he did not think this was the proper attitude for WEST to have had toward a rank and file member. [ ] then went into details regarding [ ] attempt to sabotage the Railroad Conference as well as the results of the Conference.

LIGHTFOOT said that if [ ] is found guilty of obstructing channels of the Party, [ ] will be dealt with severely. LIGHTFOOT also added that he did not like the overtones of [ ] much less his attitude. LIGHTFOOT said that we all have made mistakes in the Party at one time or another, and that we all have to re-adjust ourselves.

[ ] then discussed the manner in which the Illinois District leadership had handled the Railroad Conference Report. [ ] upheld [ ] contention that the Railroad Conference report should not be changed.

Discussion was held by [ ] and BOONE CHILDS regarding resolutions for the club's forthcoming convention. Both reported that 5 resolutions have been prepared but that due to the shortness of time at this meeting the resolutions would be read for approval at the next meeting of the Railroad Club.

[ ] then read a letter which he had received from the YMCA requesting a contribution in the present YMCA fund drive. The club agreed to make some contribution; however, no sum was designated at this time.

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[redacted] sold approximately \$7.40 worth of literature.

The next meeting of the Railroad Club is to be held on the evening of April 10, 1959, at the residence of [redacted]

After the meeting [redacted] asked [redacted] as to why he was unable to make the last Section meeting. [redacted] said that the next Section meeting will be held on the evening of April 9, 1959, at the residence of [redacted]. [redacted] reported that on Saturday, March 21, 1959, "they" had a "wonderful" meeting at ELMER JOHNSON's home for the benefit of [redacted] who was the featured speaker. [redacted] said that at this meeting [redacted] spoke for one hour and 10 minutes.

At this point, [redacted] and [redacted] remained and discussed the proposed New York Conference which is to be called by the Trade Union Commission. [redacted] said that he was reluctant to attend this conference because he felt someone else could possibly do a better job and that in turn it would take him away from the store. [redacted] also said that he felt that by his leaving the store someone may maneuver to relieve him of that job since he was on the payroll of the District. [redacted] speculated that possibly the District leadership would rather have [redacted] in the book store.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22011)

DATE: 6/15/59

FROM : SA EDWARD H. WACHHOLZ

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, ILLINOIS  
DISTRICT, WAGENKNECHT SECTION  
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(C) On May 25, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished SA EDWARD H. WACHHOLZ with information concerning a meeting of the Railroad Club, Wagenknecht Section, Illinois District Communist Party (CP), held on the evening of [redacted] at the residence of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. This oral information was subsequently written up in narrative report form and returned to the informant for his approval and signature. The original narrative report will be located in A) [redacted]

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  - 1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
  - 1 - 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)
  - 1 - 100-109560
  - 1 - 100-27452
  - 1 - 100-
  - 1 - 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)
  - 1 - 100- (HERBERT HILL)
  - 1 - 100-132491 (CP, USA, NEW YORK DISTRICT, INDUSTRIAL DIVISION, RAILROAD REGION)
  - 1 - 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
  - 1 - 100-128809 (CP, USA, NEW YORK DISTRICT - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
  - 1 - 100- (COMINFIL, RAILWAY AND STEAMSHIP CLERKS UNION)
  - 1 - 100- (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)

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- 2 - New Haven (RM)
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  - 1 - 100- (GEORGE HARRISON)
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  - 1 - 100-2748 [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100-15340 [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100-9103 [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100-36208 (UNSUB, Officer of Railway Clerks Union of Erie Railroad in Chicago)
  - 1 - 100-14652 (JIM KELLER)
  - 1 - 100-18393 (COMINFIL, RAILROAD INDUSTRY)
  - 1 - 100-18953 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
  - 1 - 100-33741 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
  - 1 - 100-17769 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FUNDS)
  - 1 - 100-18963 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM)
  - 1 - 100-33728 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
  - 1 - 100-19431 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
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- 1 - 100-33756 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
  - 1 - 100-18956 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - NEGRO QUESTION)
  - 1 - 100-32864 (CP, USA - COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE)
  - 1 - 100-28823 (HCUA)
  - 1 - 100-8261 (COMINFIL, NAACP)
  - 1 - 100-8009 (COMINFIL, UPWA)
  - 1 - 100-18573 (COMINFIL, RAILWAY & STEAMSHIP CLERKS UNION)

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Chicago, Illinois  
May 25, 1959

On the evening of [redacted] a meeting of the Railroad Club, Wagenknecht Section, Illinois District Communist Party (CP), was held at the residence of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, with IRVING POTASH as a special guest. The following were in attendance:

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BOONE CHILDS

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IRVING POTASH

BOONE CHILDS chaired the meeting.

POTASH came with [redacted] about 15 minutes after the meeting had been called to order.

A fund drive report was given by [redacted]. He stated that the club's quota is \$350. He also reported that BOONE CHILDS, [redacted] and [redacted] had previously pledged \$25 to the fund drive. [redacted] and [redacted] at this meeting pledged \$25 each. [redacted] reported that the fund drive ends July 31, 1959.

[redacted] recommended that the difference between what the club actually raises and the quota of \$350 be raised by holding a party at the residence of [redacted]

Some of the members present stated that they may receive donations from Party sympathizers outside of the Party.

[ ] announced that the Wagenknecht Section currently was broke because of the money needed toward the defense of the witnesses in the recent House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings.

[ ] also reported that it was necessary to bring in an individual for their defense plus two lawyers who were paid \$100 and \$175 each respectively.

[ ] gave a report concerning his attendance at the recent Clerks Union Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He reported that approximately 1,200 delegates attended, of which about 50 were Negroes. [ ] said that the Chicago Jim Crow Local had a very effective caucus until word was circulated at the convention that this caucus, which also was supported by whites, was the voice of the CP. The caucus, however, then regrouped and carried on effective work in the convention. He pointed out that there were 37 resolutions presented for a shorter work week. He also said that there were resolutions presented which included non-discriminatory clauses, however, these were defeated. He said that the convention eliminated the number 6,000, which number had previously designated a Jim Crow Local. [ ] went on to report that GEORGE HARRISON had his machine working, however, the leadership was rebuked several times, showing the militancy and success of certain CP members. [ ] was of the opinion that the workers in the Clerks Union are beginning to move in the right direction.

CHILDS and [ ] said that they had met last Monday with the comrade from the Erie Railroad and received a report from him concerning the convention. CHILDS and [ ] reported that

of the seven resolutions passed in BOONE's local, six passed at the convention in Milwaukee. They pointed out the resolutions such as regarding to peace, shorter work week, making FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT's birthday a national holiday, were passed, however, none passed in regard to civil rights matters.

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In this matter, it was also reported that [ ] of New York only was able to attend as an observer, rather than as a full fledged delegate, the reason being that his local claimed that he had not worked the previous months, and therefore, was not eligible to serve as a delegate. It was reported that apparently, there was a move indicating that [ ] was a CP member, and that the local did not want him present for that reason. POTASH instructed the Chicago Railroad Club to see what could be done in [ ] behalf.

[ ] reported that recently, [ ] and HARRISON had been delegated by the International AFL-CIO to investigate the United Packinghouse Workers for Communism, as a result of the Chicago HCUA hearings.

[ ] further reported that [ ] in his speech at the Clerks Convention, indicated that he had told some of the politicians that they should be careful, because it is we labor unions that are keeping "you" in office.

Discussion was then had with POTASH regarding the railroad question. POTASH first reported on the Trade Union Commission and the conditions facing the trade unions at this time. POTASH then finally got down to the railroad document (Conference Report), and the letters that had been exchanged between Chicago and New York.



At this point, the whole question regarding the delay and forwarding of the Railroad Conference Report to New York was raised. [ ] then immediately began to admit his failure to carry out the Party procedure in this regard. [ ] said that immediately upon looking through the Railroad Conference Report, he felt that it should not be circulated in its present form. He said that he expected that before he would carry the copies of the report to New York, he had been expecting POTASH to be in Chicago to discuss the document with him. He said that however, since POTASH did not come when he expected him to, he failed to carry them to New York and thereupon, severely criticized himself for breaching Party procedure. He further said that his trip to California further delayed the movement of the report. He, however, openly admitted his failure to deliver the copies of the report to New York.

POTASH then particularly referred to the opening paragraph in the report, wherein it stated that the document was open for criticism, changes, recommendations and suggestions. He said that he could not understand why 175 copies of the report had been mimeographed with such an opening remark and also for the fact that the report had not yet been approved.

POTASH then read the letter from the Debs Club dated May 9, 1959, at Chicago, addressed to [ ] and himself. This letter was discussed point by point. POTASH first raised the question as to who was responsible for sending this letter, whereupon the club quickly assured him that it was a unanimous decision of the club.

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Regarding the first point brought out in the letter, whereby the club stated that they were going on record as follows: "The railroad conference (the first to be held in eight years) took place in September,

1958. Up to date this important development, which we had expected would be greeted with enthusiasm by the Party, has been lost in bickering without any constructive measures whatsoever being taken towards following up this conference." POTASH agreed with this point and said that it did not mean that the Party work on the railroads was not proceeding even though the document had not been circulated.

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Concerning point number 2, "The conference report unanimously adopted by the conference (and 150 copies prepared for the members of the National Committee, State and Section Committees, and the railroad comrades attending the conference) has not been made the property of these comrades and appropriate Party bodies, and, above all, of the Party membership in railroads.", POTASH agreed with this point.

Regarding point number 3, which read, "No document whatsoever has been presented in criticism of the report adopted by the conference.", POTASH agreed with this point, however, reported as to why the document had been held up:

- 1) [ ] claims the document did not represent what happened at the conference.
- 2) [ ] disagreed with a portion of the document, especially the part "Building from Below".
- 3) The National Executive Committee (NEC) did not agree with the entire document, although the program of work was good, but along with [ ] the NEC wondered why the part "Death Blow to Revisionism" was included in the document since it was a document circulated by [ ] in the Chicago District only, and since it had nothing to do with the conference and even had not been discussed there.

Regarding point number 4, which read "Our letters of January 26 and April 1 remain unanswered.", POTASH said that the condition of [ ] and other things had prevented them from answering these letters. POTASH, however, assured the club that the letter of January 26 would personally be answered by him.

Concerning point number 5, which reads "We believe that the brief discussion you had with our friend was totally inadequate and failed completely to solve the main problem", POTASH said that it was difficult to arrange a meeting at this time since it would be impossible for all the participants to come to the Party Center. He, however, said that he felt the conversation there had been exhausted.

Concerning point number 6, which read "We have taken special note of the fact that a previous meeting on the question of railroads has been held by the Trade Union Commission without our participation. This, despite the fact that we had been told that a meeting would be held in which we would be asked to participate, and in which, we might add, our participation would have been essential for the resolution of existing differences.", POTASH pointed out that very little was discussed in relation to the railroad problem, but that there was a brief statement by [ ]. He said that the main discussion concerned that of the problems of the Railway Clerks Union.

To this answer of POTASH, [ ] pointed out that he and RALPH were ready to attend this Trade Union Commission meeting, but never were notified. To this remark, POTASH stated that it was an oversight. POTASH also said that before the meeting commenced, it was realized that the differences could not be resolved at this meeting.

Regarding the conclusions which the Debs Club set forth in their letter of May 9, 1959, and which POTASH read, "We consider it wrong to exclude the Chicago club from any future discussions on this important matter where other clubs are represented.", POTASH said that from now on there will be no further discussion without representation from Chicago. He also reported that a meeting of the Trade Union Commission would be called and that Chicago, Boston, New York and all concerned, would be notified to participate.

POTASH reported that in the meantime, the NEC is thinking in terms of another Railroad Conference, preferably in September, 1959, and that a lot of the conclusions reached at the last Railroad Conference would then be obsolete. He said that in the meantime, the Trade Union Commission would arrange for a representative to tour railroad centers in the country in preparation for another railroad conference. From POTASH's remarks, it appears that PAUL has been selected as this representative.

Regarding point number 2 of the conclusions, which read "The document adopted by the conference is the only appropriate and valid expression of the position of the Party members in railroads.", POTASH claimed that the validity of this document has been questioned by JOE of Boston, DON of New Haven, and PAUL of New York.

Regarding point number 3, which read "At the same time, in line with the conference report, we suggest as quickly as possible a minimum number of steps should be agreed upon in order to carry forward the work of Party building and progressive activity in this vital area.", POTASH agreed 100 per cent and said that the question of bickering on the document

is hindering the work on the railroads. He also said that certainly clubs are not stopping their work on the railroads, as is evidenced by the fine work being done in New York by [ ] and the work of the Chicago club.

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In regard to conclusion number 4, which read, "For example, as indicated in the conference report, as a first step the setting up of a national railroad coordinating committee, composed of railroad comrades in a number of selected railroad centers, working under the direction of the National Trade Union Commission, thereby making a beginning of a national structure of leadership in the industry that will enable us to give our work a more uniform direction on the broadest possible scale.", POTASH also agreed and pointed out that a commission will be established to coordinate our work and that this commission will be established as soon as possible.

In regard to the last conclusion set out in the letter, which reads "Finally, we would urge that the Party state committees undertake the task in the next period of strengthening our Party forces in the industry, by bringing our railroad comrades and contacts together, setting up functioning clubs, which is the only guarantee of implementing and putting this conference report and program into effect and building an adequate base for future conferences in the industry.", POTASH agreed.

POTASH brought with him to this meeting a substitute program for the railroads which he, however, did not read to the club. It was brought out that this program previously had been read by [ ] and [ ]. Regarding this substitute program, [ ] pointed out that nothing in it was mentioned as far as building the CP on the railroads was concerned.

Discussion was then had regarding the letter sent by the Chicago Railroad Club to New York in connection with [ ] conduct in Chicago last December.

POTASH read this letter and thereupon, proceeded to criticize the Chicago Club in every possible manner for condemning and persecuting a young comrade. He said that [ ] was accused of being an agent of "the devil knows what" (FBI), of being a revisionist, of being disloyal, and of being anti-Communist. He said that the NEC would not stand for this letter. He said that in the haste of the Chicago Club's effort to protect the document, the club was literally destroying a dedicated comrade. POTASH pointed out that those who know him (POTASH) know that I speak straight from the shoulder and that we (NEC) will not tolerate this and that the Debs Club must retract and withdraw these accusations. He stated that he feels [ ] Party record must be kept clear since his future in the Party is very bright and because of his high regard in New York.

POTASH then pointed out that many of us have made mistakes when we were young. He also said that since [ ] honesty and Party loyalty cannot be questioned, he wondered why this matter should have been handled this way.

[ ] who said that he did not agree with [ ] unscrupulous conduct while in Chicago, called [ ] liar before POTASH.

At this point in the discussion, CHILDS had to go to work, whereupon [ ] was made chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

[ ] then raised the question as to whether the letter against [ ] should be withdrawn. To this, the pros and cons were discussed and [ ] and [ ] were the only two members who talked in favor of withdrawing the letter. At this point, [ ] again pointed out that he was responsible for some of the confusion regarding [ ] visit in Chicago.

POTASH insisted that these charges must be withdrawn against [ ] however, the club unanimously agreed that no action would be taken at this meeting.

An announcement was made regarding the meeting of [ ] which is to be held on Sunday, May 24, 1959.

It was agreed that the Committee on the Negro Question was to meet sometime next week.

It was announced that the next Railroad Club meeting will be held on June 5, 1959, at the residence of [ ] made a motion that the agenda include a discussion concerning the formation of a Labor Party.

[ ] told [ ] to make sure that [ ] notify [ ] of the next State Committee meeting [ ] said that he wishes to meet with the Executive Committee of the Railroad Club to discuss the railroad work in connection with the forthcoming visit of HERBERT HILL of the NAACP to Chicago.

After the meeting, [ ] sold approximately \$9.00 worth of literature. RALPH [ ] was observed paying \$5.00 dues and \$5.00 toward his pledge on the fund drive.

SAC, CHICAGO (100-19491)

4/15/60

SA [REDACTED]

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,  
ILLINOIS DISTRICT,  
DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES  
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On March 31, 1960, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was in contact with an individual at the "Chicago Daily Defender," [REDACTED] stated that he had promised that he would be on the lookout for some operations going on with regard to the question of discrimination in employment to Negroes. [REDACTED] advised that HERBERT HILL, the National Labor Secretary of the NAACP, was coming in to attend a conference of railroad workers on Monday regarding the whole question of discrimination against Negroes. [REDACTED] stated that while they were not calling a press conference, he had heard that anyone would be welcome and "The Defender" might desire to have a reporter attend. [REDACTED] said he thought there would be some good, live stories of people who have actually been discriminated against. He stated this affair was being held at the Joint Council of the Dining Car Employees Union at 743 East 75th Street. [REDACTED] commented that HERBERT HILL was involved in a big "ruckus" with GEORGE MEANY last year, in which he documented the charges of discrimination and this was the basis of the Randolph - Meany exchange.

Recommendation:

No immediate action necessary.

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ILLINOIS DISTRICT  
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY  
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(C) On 4/7/60, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished SA [redacted] information regarding a meeting held between CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and [redacted] on the morning of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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(C) This information was written up in narrative report form and returned to the informant for his approval and signature. The original report will be located in [redacted]

ANY USE OF THIS INFORMATION IN A REPORT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED TO AFFORD PROTECTION TO THE INFORMANT. SINCE ONLY TWO PERSONS WERE PRESENT DURING THE REPORTED CONVERSATION.

- 1 - New York (RM)  
(100- ) (HERBERT HILL)  
7 - Chicago  
(1- [redacted])  
(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)  
(1-100-18953) (CP, USA, Illinois District - Organization)  
(1-100-22011) (Wagenknecht Section)  
(1-100-3261) (COMINFIL, NAACP)  
(1-100-17828) [redacted]

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DATE 02-25-2010 BY 60322 UCLP/PJ/CC/EHL

Chicago, Illinois  
April 7, 1960

It was learned that on the morning of [redacted]  
[redacted] held a meeting with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT at [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago,  
Illinois.

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LIGHTFOOT suggested plans to [redacted] for the meeting with HERBERT HILL (Labor Secretary of the NAACP) for that afternoon at 2:00 p.m. LIGHTFOOT wondered if any arrangements had been made for photographers to be present at this meeting with HILL and how broad a representation was expected to attend. LIGHTFOOT wanted there to be Party representatives at any Continuation Meeting which might be established as a result of this meeting with HILL, (afternoon of [redacted]). LIGHTFOOT said that he had heard of the good work [redacted] had done at the recent Wagenknecht Section Convention and he was also concerned as to how things were presently going along in the Section.

LIGHTFOOT made the comment that he was leaving for Los Angeles on 4/7/60.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-135834)

5/22/60

SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (42)

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COMM-FIL NALC  
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Identity of Source

[redacted] who has  
furnished reliable info  
in past (several)

Description of info

Meeting of NALC at Brooklyn,  
NY on 4/14/60.

Date Received

4/15/60

Received by

SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (oral)

Original located

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The following information was furnished by [redacted]  
on 4/15/60 and authenticated by [redacted] on 5/10/60.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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- 1 - New York (100- ) (WARREN BROWN) (422)
- 1 - New York (100- ) (THOMAS FASSETT) (322)
- 1 - New York (100- ) (FRED SPALL) (322)
- 1 - New York (100-135136) (ARCHIE SPINNER) (32)
- 1 - New York (100-94446) (Council of National Negro Labor  
Council) (41)
- 1 - New York (100- ) (REUBEN HILL) (422)
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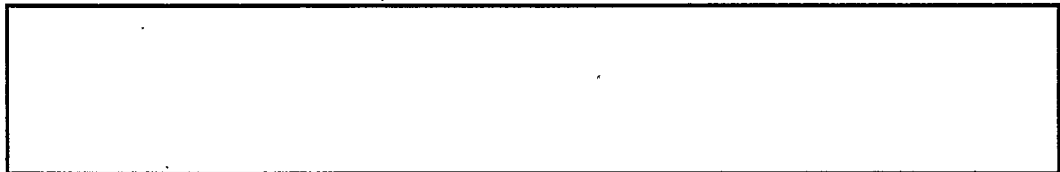
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4/15/60

On Thursday night, 4/15/60, a group of members of the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) from Queens and Brooklyn held a meeting at the NAACP Headquarters at 1722 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY. This meeting was held to make arrangements for the meeting to be held on May 14, 1960 at which A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH will speak about the NALC. The meeting to be held on 5/14/60 is an organizational rally and plans are being made to have entertainment and refreshments.

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The following were present at the meeting on 4/14/60:



Union, Local 12

There were 12 people present at the meeting. None of the others were known by name.

BUNNE had a leaflet from the National Negro Labor Council which he was showing around at the meeting. There was some concern over this leaflet. Small said that the NALC does not want to get involved in any investigation. He said that we should weed out these people right away. This leaflet listed HERBERT HILL Labor Secretary of the NAACP as a speaker.

Arrangements were made to hold another meeting of this group on Wednesday night, 4/20/60 at the Elms Home at Clason Avenue and Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY at 8:00 PM.

FAULKNER said he received a circular from the Coast Guard which had the National Negro Labor Council listed as a subversive organization and it had RANDOLPH's name on it as an officer or something of it. He said he was going to take it up with RANDOLPH.

Date

5-13-60

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

Herbert Hill

Aliases

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Birth Date

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\*\*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36644)

DATE: 7/14/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL  
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On June 1, 1960, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished SA [REDACTED] with information concerning the Founding Convention of the NALC held in Detroit, Michigan on 5/27-29/60. This information was subsequently written up in narrative report form [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The original report is being maintained in A) [REDACTED]

The "Draft Constitution" of the NALC and the booklet entitled "Founding Convention, Negro-American Labor Council, May 27-28-29, 1960, Statler Hilton Hotel, Detroit, Michigan", which are referred to in the informant's report, are both maintained in 100-36644-1A8.

Since the Chicago Office does not know in which field division [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are residing, the copies of this memorandum designated for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are therefore being sent to the Detroit Office.

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1 - 100- [REDACTED]

1 - 100- [REDACTED]

12- Detroit (RM)

1 - 100-27906 (NALC)

1 - 100-13420 (CARL WINTER)

1 - 100- [REDACTED]

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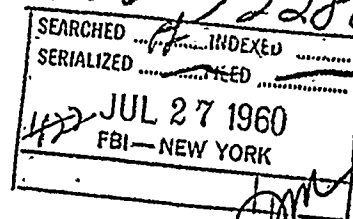
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(ROY REUTHER)

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3 - Los Angeles (RM)  
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1 - 100-137834 (NALC)  
1 - 100- (A. PHILIP RANDOLPH)  
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1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)  
1 - 100-12789 (GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT)  
1 - 100-22078 (NATE SHARPE)  
1 - 100-18685 (CHARLIE WILSON)  
1 - 100-17828 [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-18457 [REDACTED]  
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(Negro Agitation for Civil Rights)

1 - 100-22483 (LOLA BELLE HOLMES)

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Chicago, Illinois  
June 1, 1960

On Friday, May 27, 1960, the Founding Convention of the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) commenced at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. This Convention was a three day affair and took place on May 27, 28, and 29, 1960.

The opening session of the Convention took place in the form of a mass meeting which was held at the Ford Auditorium, Detroit, Michigan. HORACE SHEFFIELD chaired this mass meeting while A. PHILIP RANDOLPH acted as principal speaker.

RANDOLPH in his speech referred to the NALC as anti-Communist, anti-corruption, and anti-racketeering and he stated that this organization was designed to oppose these forces. He mentioned the Civil War and said that the revolution for Negro freedom has not been completed. The NALC was proposed to complete the task of giving the Negro complete economic, political and social freedom.

He said that without a doubt we are against Communists and that the Council definitely is anti-Communist, for wherever Communism exists, there is no free trade union movement.

WALTER REUTHER also spoke and in his speech, spoke in regard to the UAW fight against discrimination and segregation in the auto union. He said that he felt that they have done a good job in many respects though in reality they have only scraped the surface. He pointed out that in 1943 there was an effort to elect a Negro as a Vice President of the UAW, however, the idea and candidate were Communist inspired. Therefore, he was opposed to the idea. He said that he feels that if a Negro obtains top rank in the UAW, he should do it through merit and ability. He said he has been jailed, shot at and beaten in the struggles in the labor movement, but he realizes that only a Negro can feel the pains of discrimination and segregation, and he felt that the labor movement must recognize this problem.

Communist Party (CP) Caucus  
Regarding the NALC, Friday  
Evening, May 27, 1960, 11:00 p.m.

After the mass meeting at the Ford Auditorium, approximately 21 people gathered in Room 714 of the Statler Hilton Hotel in Detroit to further discuss this Convention. Those recognized in attendance were:

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JAMES JACKSON  
CARL WINTER

LOLA BELLE HOLMES

from Los Angeles  
from Los Angeles

from Detroit

(lawyer from Chicago)

from Detroit

from Oakland, California

from Detroit

JAMES JACKSON and HERB WRIGHT acted as chairmen of the caucus.

JIM spoke of the anti-Communist provisions which will appear in the draft constitution and suggested to the group how these provisions should be handled on the floor.. He said that the death of BURT WASHINGTON, who had all the connections at his fingertips, will handicap the group.

JIM spoke of the speeches made by RANDOLPH and REUTHER at the Ford Auditorium. JACKSON pointed out that RANDOLPH had referred to himself in his speech as being anti-Communist. In criticizing REUTHER's speech at the auditorium and his many references to his fight against Communism, and being in favor of ending discrimination in the labor movement, JACKSON felt that this did not bear out because in 1943, a Negro could have been elected Vice President of the UAW,

however, REUTHER was opposed to this. JIM said, not because the idea was Communist inspired but because REUTHER was opposed to a Negro holding a high office.

JIM then discussed the strategy of the handling of the anti-Communist provision in the Constitution on the Convention floor. He said that the comrades should contact and mobilize as many people as possible against these positions and that those who know of influential people should discuss this matter with them. He suggested that we decide who can speak effectively on the floor.

HERB WRIGHT pointed out that instructions from CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT were that we oppose this sort of thing, but not jump out on the floor on every petty difference, and if we take the floor on a principal question, this question should be a grass roots movement with support of broad rank and file participation.

JIM JACKSON said he could not conceive the fact that in the year 1960, an organization would crop forth with a great deal of anti-Communist and anti-subversive conditions within its constitution, because outside of the continental United States, these provisions would be laughed at and considered real "Uncle Tomism". For example, he said in Cuba they would throw such a constitution in the ash can.

NALC Proceedings, Sunday a.m.,  
May 28, 1960, Ballroom of the  
Statler Hilton Hotel.

During these proceedings, RANDOLPH spoke on the purpose and objectives of the NALC. He said that it is the responsibility of the Negro trade unionists to lead this fight against discrimination both inside and outside of the labor movement. He said there is no other solution to the problem. The NALC shall be pro-labor, pro-AFL-CIO, and pro-GEORGE MEANEY. We must recognize the fact that had the AFL-CIO done as much to eradicate discrimination and Jim Crowism in the labor movement as it had done toward eliminating Communistic influence, racketeering and corruption, that we then would not be meeting here today. This organization will not be a black AFL-CIO but will work in the framework of the legitimate labor movement and make it possible for 1½ million Negro

trade unionists to take their proper place in the labor movement. Numerous times RANDOLPH stressed the fact that there will be no place for Communists in this organization.

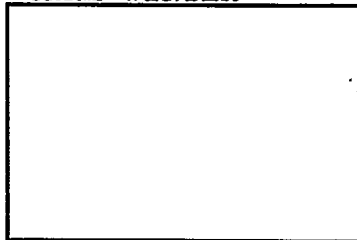
CP Caucus held in Room 714,  
Statler Hilton Hotel, May 28,  
1960, during Adjournment for Lunch

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Some of those present were:

[redacted] from New York  
[redacted] from New York  
[redacted] from Detroit

JAMES JACKSON  
CARL WINTER



Prior to the CP Caucus, word had been passed along to the CP comrades attending the Convention as delegates that the CP will have their contacts located in Room 1347 (room). Certain members of the caucus had seen a copy of the Draft Constitution of the NALC and had noted that the Communists were referred to at least 3 or 4 times in the Constitution. CARL WINTER, JIM JACKSON and [redacted] were particularly concerned regarding Article 14 of the Constitution entitled "Subversive Influence". [redacted] also spoke concerning this matter and this group insisted that the caucus make a fight on the floor to eliminate this reference in the constitution. It was pointed out to the group that we seek out people who will aid us in opposing this article on the Convention floor. [redacted] said that word had been passed to [redacted] and others, that there would be a floor fight on this issue.

Article 14 had been studied by JACKSON, [ ] WINTER, [ ] and others in Room 1347 and a substitute had been drawn up as a compromise in the event a floor fight failed. The group was again instructed to mobilize progressive people to support the fight to eliminate these clauses. The group was also very critical of the method which RANDOLPH was conducting the Convention.

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Afternoon Sessions,  
Saturday, May 28,  
1960, 2:00 p.m.

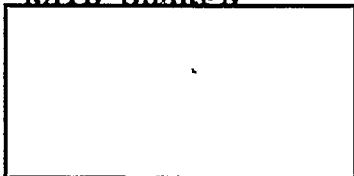
During these sessions, [ ] an aide to GEORGE MEANEY, acting as Secretary of the Convention, read the Draft Constitution, Article by Article, for adoption.

Article 3 was blocked and referred back to the committee while the other articles were passed. Adjournment was had at 5:30 in order to allow the delegates to attend the banquet.

CP. Caucus After Adjournment  
of the Afternoon Sessions,  
May 28, 1960, Room 714

Those recognized in attendance:

NATE SHARPE



JAMES JACKSON



CARL WINTER



[ ] from New York



[ ] from Chicago



[ ] chaired this caucus.

Discussion of the afternoon sessions took place. JACKSON pointed out that we have been making a lot of mistakes since we are not speaking up in time. There was a general re-evaluation of the situation by JACKSON, [ ] and [ ]. This group felt they had been able to break through on the Convention Constitution Committee since they were able to get [ ] on the Constitution Committee. [ ] now would be in a position to fight in regard to the articles which the Party wants stricken from the Constitution.

JACKSON said that the division on the Convention floor has its hazards. He said that if we won out on the points we would like to have eliminated, it will be embarrassing to RANDOLPH and that if we lost, it would be "damned" embarrassing to us. JACKSON said Article 14 has to go!!! We have to be prepared to take the floor in defense of our position.

The group agreed that [ ] would be the first speaker at the next session and that others will follow. It was agreed that if Article 14 was not defeated, [ ] will then offer a compromise Article 14. It was also agreed that we continue to contact people who we feel are on our side.

It was learned sometime Sunday a.m., that after the banquet held the evening before, there had been a caucus of the National Steering Committee of the NALC. ROY REUTHER was present at this meeting and the main discussion centered around the degree of influence which the "Left" may have concerning certain anti-Communist provisions set forth in the Draft Constitution. It was further learned that apparently [ ] had been designated to take the floor and expose this "Left" element if they proceeded to get out of hand. It was further learned that the Steering Committee recognized the necessity of blocking the Communist infiltration of the Council.

Sunday Sessions  
May 29, 1960

The Constitution Committee reported the changes that had been made and offered the change for Article three. ABNER made a good speech against the Communists at this time. He suggested that there would be a standing vote in order to determine who is for or against this provision in the constitution.

The article passed with the one revision, namely that of section #6 which reads as follows: "In pursuit of the above mentioned objections and principles, the NALC is opposed to racism, Communism, corruption and racketeering in the trade union movement". This change replaced the original section #6 which read "To design programs to fight racism, Communism, corruption and racketeering in the trade union movement".

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CP Caucus Held During  
the Lunch Hour May 29,  
1960, in Room 714

During this caucus, discussion concerned that of the fact that apparently a caucus had been held the evening before by the RANDOLPH forces with ROY REUTHER and [ ] present.

It was pointed out that this group (RANDOLPH) had made an estimate of the strength by the left wing and had come to the conclusion that there was no doubt [ ] had been selected to speak out on the floor in the manner which he had done in the Sunday morning sessions of the Convention.

Sunday Afternoon  
Convention Sessions

The discussion on Article 14 and its adoption took on considerable debate. A delegate made a motion that the Article be accepted as read. Article 14 reads as follows:

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"SUBVERSIVE INFLUENCES

"No organization officered, controlled or dominated by Communists, fascists or other totalitarians, or whose policies and activities are consistently directed toward the achievement of the program and/or purposes of the Communist Party, any fascist organization, or other totalitarian movement, shall be permitted as a Council of this National Council or any of

its state and regional councils. The National Executive Board, in the absence of the convention, shall be the governing authority in the interpretation and execution of this section."

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A white delegate gave reasons against any anti-subversive clauses which were in the constitution.

[ ] also spoke against the anti-subversive clause. At this point [ ] the fourth speaker, was to offer the substituted Article 14 which read as follows: "It is non-partisan but not non-political. Its allegiance is to its own cause. It follows its own objectives and principles, not of that of the Republican and Democratic Party, nor the parties of the Socialists or Communists. Its organizational loyalty is to the American trade union movement. Not to any particular international union or labor leader".

At this time when [ ] attempted to obtain the floor as a fourth speaker, RANDOLPH pointed out that only three speakers were allowed to speak regarding this article and that now at this time a vote will be taken. At this time a motion was made to accept Article 14 as it originally stood in the draft constitution whereupon the motion carried.

#### Election of Officers

RANDOLPH was unanimously elected president of the NALC. Sixteen men were elected as vice presidents, among those being [ ] from New York, [ ] and [ ]

After the election there was considerable disturbance as to why no women had been elected to the Board. RANDOLPH proposed that since one of the vice presidents had resigned, he therefore nominated [ ] as a replacement. At this time there again was considerable turmoil among the delegates. DAISY BATES of Little Rock then took the floor and she said that she felt some women should be elected since there was a great representation of women in the trade union movement.

RANDOLPH then suggested that someone move to change the constitution to read that two women be included as vice presidents. This motion was then made and carried.

RANDOLPH then recommended that the women delegates present, caucus and decide as to whom they would like elected. While the women caucused, the Convention continued on with their proceedings.



It was learned that at the women's caucus there had been considerable support for [ ] particularly on the part of the Detroit and Chicago delegations. [ ] was also nominated. The caucus, however, finally recommended LOLA BELLE HOLMES from Chicago and [ ] from New York as their candidates. Both HOLMES and [ ] were elected as vice presidents.

At the end of the Convention [ ] was overheard telling [ ] that [ ] was one of our (CP) people.

Caucus By the Chicago CP  
Delegation Held Sunday  
Afternoon upon Adjournment  
of the Convention

This caucus was held for the purpose of appraising the Convention, and those present were:

[ ]  
CHARLES WILSON  
LOLA BELLE HOLMES  
NATE SHARPE  
[ ]

[ ] chaired this caucus.

[ ] pointed out that he felt we should have done more during the Convention.

The group felt that we were able to get Article three revised while the group severely criticized RANDOLPH for his undemocratic handling of Article 14. The group also criticized the Convention for not giving [ ] an opportunity to present the substitute amendment.

It was the feeling that these anti-Communist provisions were strictly window dressing instead of the convention actually following the will of the people. The group felt that the Convention was trying to satisfy the MEANYs, REUTHERS, HCUAs, rackets committees and the FBI. The group, however, felt satisfied that they did get two of their people elected as vice presidents.

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Some of the Chicago CP delegates who attended the Convention were:

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[redacted]  
LOLA BELLE HOLMES

[redacted]  
NATE SHARPE

[redacted]  
CHARLES WILSON

It was estimated that approximately 500 delegates attended the sessions on the first day, 500 to 600 delegates attended the second and third day sessions.

The following were elected to some of the committees established:

Constitution Committee

Chairman [redacted] of Chicago

Political Action Committee

Chairman - [redacted]

Organizational Committee

Apprentice Training Committee

Chairman - [redacted]

Consultant-HERBERT HILL of the NAACP

The Convention received greetings from [redacted] of the joint council of the Dining Car Employees Union in Chicago, [redacted] of the NAACP and GEORGE HARRISON of the Railway Clerks and Steamship Union.

The official title of the organization was adopted as the Negro American Labor Council.

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Caucus of the Illinois Delegation  
Held Sometime During the Convention

It was learned that the delegation was concerned particularly about the membership dues as well as 1. opposed the proposed \$4 membership fee. This delegation elected two people to take this issue to the floor, namely

[redacted] and [redacted]

It was learned that [ ] during this caucus brought up the question of the numerous anti-Communist provisions which were in the draft constitution. RALPH was told by the caucus that if he wanted to oppose these provisions that the caucus would take a vote that he personally go to the Resolution Committee and there express his personal opinions rather than that of the delegation's.

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It was learned that on the return trip from Detroit to Chicago, [ ] told [ ] that she had heard from GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT who was currently attending the Womens International Peace Conference. GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT had in her communication pointed out that up until that time she had not received any word from her husband CLAUDE.

[ ] was observed participating in the activities of the CP caucus which were held during the time of the Convention. It was also learned that [ ] may have come to Chicago from the West Coast, possibly either Los Angeles or San Francisco.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22011) DATE: JUL 25 1960

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT,  
WAGENKNECHT SECTION.  
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(C) On 6/13/60, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished SA [REDACTED] information regarding a meeting of the Wagenknecht Section Committee, CP of Illinois, held on the evening of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. This information was subsequently written up in narrative report form and returned to the informant for his approval and signature. The original report is located in A) [REDACTED]

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5 - New York (RM)

(1 - 100- ) (HERBERT HILL)  
(1 - 100- ) (PAUL ROBESON)  
(1 - 100-84939) (Cominfil RR Industry)  
(1 - 100-132491) (CP, USA, NY Dist. Industrial Division,  
Railroad Region)  
(1 - 100-269) (HENRY WINSTON)

31 - Chicago

(C) (1 - A) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-11011) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100- ) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-24800) (LOU DISKIN)  
(1 - 100-22483) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-2748) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-35807) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-19736) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-13768) (CHARLIE SOTIS)  
(1 - 100-12822) [REDACTED]  
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Chicago, Illinois  
June 13, 1960

On the evening of [redacted] a meeting of  
the Wagenknecht Section Committee, CP of Illinois, was  
held at [redacted] Chicago,  
Illinois. Those present were:

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LOU DISKIN

[redacted]  
CHARLIE SOTTIS

[redacted] Chairman of the Section, chaired  
the meeting.

Agenda

- 1) Railroad report.
- 2) ADLAI STEVENSON Campaign.
- 3) Financial Report and Railroad Report by  
[redacted]

PARRISH first spoke of building the railroad  
club up to 18 members. He said that the program which  
is carried out by the club has been the result of the 1958  
Railroad Conference in Chicago. He said that had this  
program been activated, the railroad centers of our nation  
would have been prepared for the November, 1959, Wage and

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and Work Rules negotiator and would not have to endure the insult of the offer of the .05 cent wage increase. Our club represents six different local unions and the following work has been carried out:

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In the field of legislation these locals have supported the Passenger Train Bill Number 3020; we have supported the Foran Bill and in 1959 we worked for the successful passage in Congress for the 10 per cent increase pension fund and 10 per cent in the unemployment pension. In one of our locals we have a comrade legislative chairman and a comrade educational director. Considerable work has been done in this local union to fight discrimination of Negro workers and to promote up-gradings of Negro workers. At a meeting of this local union, a resolution was passed and this resolution in some cases has brought up-gradings of some Negro workers. A committee also consulted with HERBERT HILL of the NAACP on up-gradings Negroes in the railroad industry. This committee also consulted with Congressman [redacted] In another local, the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks Union, we were successful in passing seven resolutions which went to the National Convention of that union. One of the seven resolutions was on peace.

[redacted] mentioned that there are 16 up-to-date members in the club; the club sold over a thousand copies of PAUL ROBESON's books and the club has sold more literature than any two sections together in the Chicago area. [redacted] also gave figures regarding dues collected, contributions on the various drives, etc.

He said that two comrades from our club visited the USSR and had a first-hand account of socialism in action. Upon their return they have spoken before their respective local unions where their reports have been well received.

[redacted] pointed out that nothing in the report referred to the peace question and the question of socialism.

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At this time [ ] gave a brief supplemental report to that of [ ] mentioned the handicap which the club has had to work under in Chicago due to the fact that there are no FEPC laws in Illinois and that in the East there have been more cases of up-grading of the Negroes due to the FEPC laws, particularly in New York and New Jersey. [ ] also spoke of the Hotel Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union which recently established a Civil Rights Committee whereby they could do something of the problem of discrimination in this particular industry. He also spoke of a conference which has been held with the heads of the Railroad Food Workers Union.

CHARLIE SOTIS said that the district should work for an FEPC in the next Illinois Legislative Session. He also wanted to know if the club ever brought up the question of Socialism.

Remarks by [ ]

[ ] said that the fact that [ ] has called for a transportation conference and has made efforts to unify the transportation industry points out [ ] insight on the present situation. [ ] said that monopoly capital has the railroad union so divided that there never has been a unified program on wages and working conditions. Big business therefore, could lop them off without fear of a major strike.

LOU DISKIN pointed out that the railroad bosses have pitted the railroad workers against workers in other transportation industries & that the railroads wanted to diversify their business into barge lines, trucking, as well as railroad freight, but according to [ ] report they were not interested in passenger business. If the railroad workers, according to the report of comrade [ ] have lost 400,000 workers in the last ten years, the railroad unions should then be compelled to fight for socialism of the railroads or to at least nationalize railroads for soon there will be no jobs left for workers in this industry. LOU proposed that the railroad workers



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oppose the Dirksen Bill which formulated to over-ride the recent Supreme Court decisions regarding the telegraphers on the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. He said that the recent .05 cent raise to the non-operators was a move by the Administration and the NIXON forces for political reasons. DISKIN said that we must not forget the recent steel strike and how it was settled by NIXON and that all this ties in with the realignment of force for the 1960 elections. The Party cannot do much against the railroad wage struggles unless the workers are ready themselves. If they are not ready, we should carefully develop and prepare them for such a struggle. The railroad club has done good work and we should consider dividing the club for concentration purposes.

Remarks by [ ]

[ ] proposed that we study the employment problems in the transportation industry; that we should also determine the key workers and the key locals in the railroad industries; and that we should work out a program of action for the railroad workers. He suggested that the club concretize a program around key issues which will involve the most number of workers.

Remarks by [ ]

[ ] said that the railroad unions are divided into 20 odd pieces and that the monopolies have followed the old rule of divide and conquer. The railroad workers have isolated themselves from the rest of the industrial workers and are not prepared to rally support for their present wage struggle. Speaking on concentration, the New York comrades did a great job in the Burnside Yards where they concentrated on all locals in the yards.

[ ] said that the present wage offer of .05 cents is an insult to the railroad worker and since the recommendation is not binding, there should be an all-out effort to have the non-ops reject this offer.

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Remarks by [ ]

[ ] said that in the 1958 conference in Chicago a program had been worked out to activate railroad workers and prepare them for this sort of thing which they are now facing on the present wage negotiations. Had this program been put into action we would have had a mass movement in motion to avoid this kind of catastrophe.

ADLAI STEVENSON Campaign

LOU DISKIN said that it is clear that ADLAI STEVENSON's statements regarding the U-2 incident and the Summit failure have raised STEVENSON's stature as a possible Democratic candidate. Now the liberal forces are rallying to his support and supporting his out-spoken views on the Administration bungling. He also knocked out the spirit of McCarthyism by calling for open criticism of the present Administration. DISKIN said that this will have a great impact on the peace movement and bring pressure to bear on the Democratic Party whereby LYNDON JOHNSON would be stopped and an election campaign can then be built around jobs, peace, and co-existence. DISKIN said that we should go all out in our unions in the circularization of petitions for STEVENSON's nomination, and boost this campaign in order to make it possible for his nomination. These petitions can be obtained at 120 South LaSalle Street, Room 943, at the Illinois Committee for ADLAI STEVENSON Offices.

Financial Report by [ ]

[ ] said that the fund drive quota has gone over the top and that the section staff has increased the quota from \$650 to \$750. The staff also recommended that \$60 a month, for two months, be set aside during the slack summer months toward the Org fund drive. He suggested that any additional funds go to the section treasury.

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Announcements

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The next section committee meeting was set up for the evening of 7/7/60, at [redacted] residence. The agenda will include the topic of the NALC.

[redacted] was overheard telling [redacted] that the Negro Commission will meet on the 16th of June at her residence and that the Illinois comrades who attended the NALC convention in Detroit will be present.

The Washington Park Forum will hold an affair on 6/19/60, in regard to the Free HENRY WINSTON Campaign.

[redacted] announced the death of [redacted] sister and that the body will be at 102nd Place and Michigan Avenue. [redacted] felt it was important that some comrades pay their respects.

SAC, New York (140-11359)

10/25/60

SA GEORGE P. BAXTER, JR.

[redacted] aka  
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The following investigation was conducted by the  
writer in connection with captioned case:

On 10/20/60 [redacted] was contacted telephonically  
at his office in NYC. [redacted] said that at this time he does  
not recall [redacted] and has nothing to add to information previously  
furnished when contacted in 1954. [redacted] said he would be  
unwilling to appear before a Security Hearing Board and wished  
to continue having his identity concealed in any Bureau report.  
His reasons, as in the past, are that his employment would  
probably be in jeopardy if his past connections with the SWP  
were known.

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On 10/24/60 [redacted] was  
interviewed at his office at [redacted] said  
that he had no additional information concerning captioned  
individual. He stated that he absolutely could not appear before  
a Security Hearing Board and definitely desired that his identity  
continue to be concealed. [redacted] said that he was most willing  
to co-operate with the FBI in furnishing any information in his  
possession, but that it was vital that his identity be concealed  
because of the sensitive position of his employer, [redacted]  
He pointed out his belief that if either his past connection  
with the SWP or his present co-operation with the FBI became  
known, there were some who would seize on this to attack the

[redacted] In the course of the general conversa-  
tion with [redacted] he was asked if he had noted any efforts at  
infiltration of the NAACP by Trotskyist groups. He replied that  
the most troublesome in recent years had been [redacted] the  
leader of a group which had split off from the SWP. [redacted] said  
that at the NAACP convention in 1959, when a leadership group  
met to consider what to do about [redacted] [redacted] noticed  
[redacted] had entered in and was sitting at the back of the room.

[redacted] A short time later  
[redacted] sneaked in again by another door and this time [redacted]

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On 10/24/60 Former [redacted] was telephonically contacted at his residence and reminded of the discussion had with him in 1954 regarding the individual known to the informant as [redacted]. [redacted] said that he had no additional information to furnish at this time. He stated he would not be willing to appear before a Security Hearing Board and wished to have his name concealed in any report covering information he has furnished.

It is noted that in the past [redacted] has stated he would not object to having his name made available to another government agency and has offered to furnish a statement if so desired. He stated on 10/24/60 that the reason he would no longer be willing to do this was because [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] It is for the above reason that [redacted] now requests that his identity be concealed and does not wish to appear before any hearing board.

Copies of this memo have been placed in the files of various sources contacted in order to place on record their current attitude.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois.

March 3, 1961

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In Reply, Please Refer  
to File No. 100-36644

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF  
NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on February 23 and 28, 1961.

The Negro American Labor Council Workshop and Institute on Race Bias in Trade Unions, Industry and Government, was held on February 17-18, 1961, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The first session opened at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 17, 1961.

Cleveland Robinson, Vice President, Negro American Labor Council (NALC), presided and presented a "Position Paper of the Negro American Labor Council Workshop and Institute on Race Bias in Trade Unions, Industry, and Government" which assailed denials of equal job opportunities for Negroes in these three areas. It condemned the institutionalism of discrimination and the "tokenism" which allows the veneering of discrimination by the fact of a few Negroes being hired in different jobs. It likewise was critical of the exclusion of Negro youth from apprenticeship training programs. Discrimination has been found in the area administered by the Federal Government. Education is still infected with discrimination. The Negro today is through the Civil Rights Revolution attempting to complete the still unfinished social revolution of the Civil War. The Negro people must organize their full resources to achieve complete equality.

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF  
NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL

The keynote address was delivered by A. Phillip Randolph, President, Negro American Labor Council, under the title "Economic and Ethnic Democracy in Trade Unions, Industry and Government".

Randolph emphasized the depressed condition of the Negro is chronic and results from unskilled or semi-skilled status, no seniority, segregation, and a conspiracy which unions, industry and government practice in the denial of equal job opportunities, the blocking of Negroes from apprentice training, and from the growth of automation.

Randolph said the NALC was founded on the basic philosophy of belief in: rights to equal job opportunities and to learn a job; full employment in a democratic society; democratic, free trade unionism; alliance between the Negro community and the labor community; alliance on terms of equality and without compromise on the basic principle of the civil rights revolution; union democracy; a broad national policy of integration of Negro workers into apprenticeship training programs; desegregation of racially segregated unions; and that tokenism represents an illusion and is an affront to the Negro.

Randolph declared that the NALC is not a labor union, is non-partisan but not non-political; it will support broad programs for civil rights and the rights of labor sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the AFL-CIO. It is anti-race bias in the AFL-CIO. It is not anti-white, but pro-Negro; it is anti-white supremacy. It is anti-Communist, anti-Fascist, anti-racist (black or white), anti-colonialist, and anti-imperialist, but pro-African, Asian, and Latin American revolutionary nationalism.

Randolph projected the following proposals:

1. AFL-CIO conference to urge within six months the  
initiation of desegregation in local unions.
2. Urging the ending of exclusion of workers of color from membership by the ritual of tacit consent.
3. Urging union consideration of apprentice-training programs.

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4. Urging election of Negro trade unionists to policy-making bodies of local, national, and international unions.

5. Appointment of another Negro trade unionist to membership on the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO.

6. Integration of qualified Negro office and staff workers into all departments of the general headquarters of the AFL-CIO in Washington, D.C.

7. Placement of additional Negro trade unionists on the Civil Rights Committee. Members of the Executive Council should be urged to set an example by having their unions set up civil rights committees and departments.

8. Reorganize the Civil Rights Department by having a qualified Negro trade unionist as Director. A native white Southerner, sound on civil rights and a sound trade unionist should be placed on the staff, with an adequate interracial office force. It is recommended that the President or Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO serve as the Chairman of the Committee.

9. An executive order should be issued by President Kennedy to investigate the employment policies of all the departments of the federal government, with a view to eliminating the practice of race bias in same.

10. Recommendation of an executive order to investigate the methods, promotion, and upgrading on government jobs, with a view to providing an equal opportunity for every worker, regardless of race or color.

11. Recommendation that President Kennedy provide the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy with the status of White House authority for effective execution and implementation of a no-discrimination-job-policy-in-every-department, agency, commission, and bureau.

12. Recommendation of an investigation of the administration of Federal Civil Service rules that invite discrimination by allowing choice of any of the top three applicants, and exceptions to even the "rule of three" make it possible to avoid hiring a Negro even when all three top candidates are Negro.

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13. Recommendation that President Kennedy issue an executive order requiring that all federal government contracting agencies strictly enforce the non-discrimination clause which is not now being done.

14. Recommendation that President Kennedy issue an executive order providing that the federal government assume a more vital role in promoting a nation-wide crash program for the training of skilled workers and guarantee that federal assistance to all craft training systems be limited to programs which do not discriminate on a basis of race or color.

Finally, to call upon the President of the United States and the President of the AFL-CIO and the leaders of industry, the most powerful country and labor movement and industry in the world, to issue a clarion call to the government, the workers and management to respect, recognize and support the God-given right of every human being, regardless of race or color, to earn a living in the sweat of his brow.

Cleveland Robinson asked for a floor motion to adopt the proposals. Motion made and adopted.

Opening statements were made by Arthur J. Goldberg, United States Secretary of Labor; Herbert Hill, Labor Secretary, NAACP; Julius Thomas, Director of Industrial Relations, National Urban League; Thurgood Marshall, Director, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Incorporated, and Elmer A. Carter, Chairman, New York State Commission against Discrimination.

Mr. Goldberg admitted that bias existed in industry and government. He said industry could do much better, that it only will harm itself by not training all forces. Our government has pledged to do all in its power to eradicate bias and prejudice in government and industry. He cited figures to show that there is a greater number of Negroes unemployed than whites.

Herbert Hill emphasized the need for admitting qualified Negroes into apprenticeship training programs and into other forms of vocational training. Federal and state agencies should withhold funds and other forms of subsidization from those apprentice training programs which exclude Negroes. The AFL-CIO should begin to enforce seriously its declarations in the matter of racial exclusion practices and segregation.

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Commissioner Elmer A. Carter, State Commission Against Discrimination, New York, New York, pointed out that some states, including New York, have legal measures available to enforce non-discrimination, and if any matter takes priority, it is that of education of Negro working men and women to make full use of the tools at their disposal.

Julius Thomas stated he got a report from Africa asking that Negroes be sent there trained as engineers, that the opportunities are unlimited. Russia is sending people by the carloads, and it is possible the Russian and Chinese Communists will take over. He said the training of the Russian people shocked him. He urged that the conference go on record to ask for a thorough study of the trade training system.

Thurgood Marshall urged that the NALC, Urban League, and the NAACP work together to insure jobs for Negroes without binding themselves to any party.

The Friday afternoon session ran from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. under the title "Panel on Apprenticeship Training Programs".

Chairman: Cleveland Robinson, Vice President, NALC

Panel: Robert Battle, III, Vice President, NALC  
Oscar Cohen, Program Director, Anti-Defamation  
League of B'nai B'rith  
Doctor John T. Dunlop, Harvard University  
Doctor Rosa Gragg, President, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs  
Dorothy I. Height, President, National Council of Negro Women  
Doctor Harold Lewis, Howard University  
Doctor Edward Mazique, Former President, National Medical Association  
Doctor James M. Nabritt, Jr., President, Howard University  
Alfred Small, President, New York Chapter, NALC  
Julius Thomas, Director of Industrial Relations, National Urban League  
Norman Thomas, Chairman, Post War World Council  
Robert L. Waring, Secretary-Treasurer, Laborers District Council  
Bishop William J. Walls, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church  
J. Carlton Yeldell, Labor Relations Secretary, National Urban League

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Examiners: Honorable Raymond Pace Alexander, Court of  
Common Pleas, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Attorney Clyde W. Summers, Yale University  
Law School

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Victor Daly, Racial Adviser, United States Employment Service, Washington, D.C., made a statement on Apprenticeship Training Program. He characterized the failure of Negro skilled workers and inability of Negro youth to find apprenticeship training as a bottleneck impeding full employment of minority group workers in this country. He urged that organizations in American community life be made aware of this.

Witnesses then appeared to tell of discriminatory practices which they had encountered.

The witnesses included:

[redacted] Local 3, International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers, New York City  
[redacted] who testified for his son, Washington, D.C.  
(no union affiliation given)  
[redacted] and [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri,  
Sheet Metal industry  
[redacted] Local 26 (International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers), Washington, D.C.  
[redacted] Local 5, Washington, D.C. (no union  
affiliation given)

A summary was given by Doctor Herman D. Bloch, Cornell University. He concluded that the unions control the apprenticeship programs, and once a break-through can be made there, the Negro's problems in this area will cease.

A "Mass Labor Education Rally" was held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday evening. Approximately 2,000 were in attendance, and the collection amounted to about \$1,300.

Presiding: Doctor James Nabritt, Jr.

The theme of this rally was "The Negro Worker in the Coming Age of Automation".

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Programmed speakers included the Honorable Adam Clayton Powell, House of Representatives, Congress of the United States, and Doctor Martin Luther King, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Representative Powell pledged support to the NALC because he was tired of the Negro suffering in the richest country in the world. He condemned the conditions of the Negroes in the South. He asserted money would not be made available for segregated schools. Representative Powell received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks.

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Doctor King reviewed attacks on him in his career of fighting for civil rights. He talked of the struggle of the Negro youth who are striking out for themselves. He said NALC had a moral responsibility to support them. He disclaimed achievement of objectives by violence and urged pacific means.

On Saturday, February 18, the morning session which was a panel on Union Democracy began at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman: L. Joseph Overton, Vice President, NALC

Panel: Bishop George W. Baber, African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Robert Battle, III  
John H. Coston, President, Buffalo Chapter, NALC  
Doctor Rosa Gragg  
Dorothy I. Height  
Herbert Hill  
George Hunton, Catholic Interracial Council  
Lola Belle Holmes, Vice President, NALC  
Agnes Willis, Vice President, NALC  
Alfred Small  
John M. Thornton, Vice President, NALC  
Julius Thomas  
Robert L. Waring  
J. Carlton Yeldell

Examiners:  Howard University  
Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., Noted Labor Attorney

A statement on union democracy was delivered by M. P. Webster, 1st International Vice President, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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Witnesses included [redacted] Local 791, International Longshoremen's Association, New York, New York.

[redacted] Lodge 776, Tulsa, Oklahoma (no union affiliation was announced.)

(First Name Unknown) [redacted] employed as a moulder in a foundry in Cincinnati, Ohio (no local number or union affiliation given).

[redacted], Memphis, Tennessee (no union affiliation given).

[redacted] Postal Alliance, Washington, D.C.

[redacted] Fayette County, Tennessee, was introduced and spoke at this time about conditions in "tent city" in Fayette County. He stated he had learned the Postmaster of his town will probably be cutting off his mail, and he wanted the NALC to help him. A lawyer volunteered to speak with [redacted]

An unidentified Negro female who was with [redacted] spoke and thanked the NALC for the opportunity to come to this workshop. She said she had never previously been outside Fayette County. She wanted to thank God there were people like those in the NALC.

[redacted] International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Chicago, Illinois, was allowed to speak at this time. She presented the following proposals:

1. Delegations, letters, and telegrams should be directed to President Kennedy asking immediate steps to eliminate the Fayette County and Haywood, Tennessee, situations as a disgrace to American democratic society.

2. Equal job opportunities in all industries, professions and government departments.

3. Elimination of lily-white departments.

4. Upgrading and promotion, especially in the white collar field, and including the federal government.

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5. Elimination of differentials in wages for women doing the same work as men.
6. Elimination of separate seniority clauses for doing the same work as men.
7. No Negro exclusion from certain industries and professions such as airline stewardesses or hostesses.
8. Recommendation for a series of workshops beginning immediately in every local union council dealing specifically with women's problems and grievances.
9. Aim for a national workshop dealing with women's problems.
10. Activation of women in the overall NALC program.
11. A woman should be put on the organizing staff of the NALC.
12. Negro women should be put on all committees in trade unions.

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A motion made by an unidentified male on the floor of the meeting to accept these proposals was passed by the meeting.

Among those observed in attendance:

[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, a member of the  
Communist Party  
[redacted], Detroit, Michigan  
[redacted], Chicago, a member of the Communist Party  
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[redacted] Chicago  
[redacted], Chicago  
[redacted] Chicago  
[redacted], a member of the Communist Party  
Detroit  
[redacted], Detroit  
[redacted], Washington, D.C.  
Washington, D.C.  
[redacted], New York, a member of the Communist Party

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[redacted] New York  
[redacted] New York  
[redacted] East Orange, New Jersey  
[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland  
[redacted] Fayette County, Tennessee  
Unidentified female, Negro, Fayette County, Tennessee

[redacted] secretary, employed in the Department of State, Washington, D.C., was overheard stating she had come to the conference for help because she felt she had been passed over for more than a year in being promoted. An explanation was made to her that membership in a union and in the NALC was necessary before the NALC could accept a grievance. She stated she is not a member of the NALC.

The temper of the workshop generally was one of determination for finding ways to accomplish the objectives of the proposals made by A. Phillip Randolph in his keynote address.

No overt activity on the part of members of the Communist Party was evident on the floor of the meeting.

The Communist Party - USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination which relates to the Negro American Labor Council's Workshop and Institute held in Washington, D.C., February 17 and 18, 1961. Also enclosed are copies of the letterhead memorandum for other field offices as indicated. The information contained in this letterhead memorandum was furnished by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The letterhead memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source of continuing value, and any disclosure thereof might jeopardize the source.

Careful consideration was given to concealment of the source.

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On 4/11/61, SAC FOSTER received a telephone call  
from [redacted] General Counsel for Time and Life, Inc.  
[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] and had recently received  
a visit from a man concerning her writings, which [redacted]  
desired be reported to the Bureau.

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On 4/12/61, SA [redacted] met [redacted] in  
his office in the Time and Life Building. [redacted] intro-  
duced SA [redacted] to [redacted] and then left the office.

[redacted] who resides at [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that she has been employed by [redacted]  
[redacted] for approximately [redacted] years and now has the  
position of [redacted]. She stated that about a year  
and a half ago she [redacted]  
[redacted] and thereafter wrote an article which was published  
in "Life" relating to the plight of Jews in the USSR. She  
exhibited a copy of this article, which is date stamped  
12/7/59, entitled [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that  
as a result of this article, she was attacked by the  
Soviet press, and when in 1960 she wrote a foreword to a  
small collection of poems by the Russian poet VLADIMIR  
MAYAKOVSKY, now deceased, the attacks against her increased.

She stated that approximately six weeks ago, an  
article written by her was published in "The Reporter"  
entitled [redacted]. This  
was the same type of an article as published in "Life" and  
related to the treatment of Jews in the USSR.

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[redacted] stated that on 3/21/61, she received a telephone call from a man, who gave his name as [redacted] who stated that he was a correspondent for "The Jewish Chronicle", which is published in London, England. He stated that he wanted to interview her concerning her article on the Jewish question, which appeared in "The Reporter", mentioned above. [redacted] stated that she was reluctant to grant the interview because she did not feel that [redacted] could obtain anything from her of any real value, however, he was insistent and she agreed to be interviewed by him.

On 4/6/61, [redacted] came to the [redacted] Building and interviewed [redacted] in her office. She stated that he was a heavy-set man in his 40's, wore a beard, and had a noticeable Russian accent.

[redacted] told her that he had read her article in "The Reporter" and had located her through inquiry at the executive offices of "The Reporter".

[redacted] asked [redacted] where she had obtained her material. She stated that she had obtained it first-hand from personal interviews with Jews in Russia. He stated that he wanted to obtain from her the identities of the persons in Russia with whom she had spoken because he desired to write a series of articles for "The Jewish Chronicle" which would be in the same vein as [redacted] articles. [redacted] stated that this was a most unusual request coming as it did from a person who purports to be a newspaperman, because it is an unwritten law that a newspaperman never divulges his sources nor is he asked to do so. She stated that this request was also suspicious to her because [redacted] had told her of his own Russian background and would be well aware of what would happen to a person who criticized the Russian Government or complained in any way about it. She stated that she became alarmed and no matter how insistent [redacted] was, she refused to disclose the identities of the persons in Russia with whom she had spoken.

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[ ] talked to [ ] about himself. He stated that he defected from Russia in 1948 in Berlin, because he had been ordered back to Moscow by the government. He was afraid he would never get another chance for freedom. He stated that his father had been a political prisoner who was killed during the 1930's. He stated that several years after his escape from Berlin, he succeeded in effecting the release of his younger brother from Berlin by paying bribes. He commented that money can do anything.

[ ] stated that [ ] told her that if she changed her mind about disclosing her sources, he would be most appreciative because it would help him in preparing his articles. He stated that she could reach him at the UN and gave her a telephone number, PL 4-1234, Extension 2381. He stated that he could generally be reached during the afternoon at PR 3-2386. [ ] noted that she subsequently tried both of these numbers and [ ] was unknown at either one. She stated that a little boy answered her call to PR 3-2386, and denied knowing anyone named [ ].

[ ] stated that while [ ] was talking she was struck with the parallel thoughts between [ ] and another writer [ ] knows by the name of [ ] who writes under the penname of [ ]. She stated that [ ] is a Professor of Slavic Studies in Cambridge, England. He is now in the US and will be until the end of the current academic year, studying under a fellowship from Harvard University. She stated that [ ] is living in the [ ] Cambridge, Massachusetts.

[ ] stated that [ ] mentioned names of other persons whom he said he knew, such as the Consul General of Israel, and in subsequent conversations with these persons, [ ] learned that [ ] generally is known to them, but they usually suspect his bona fides.

[ ] advised that she obtained a copy of "The Jewish Chronicle", dated 3/31/61, which described itself as "the organ of British Jewry". On page 25 of this issue there is an article by [ ] entitled "Jewish Bohemia In The 'Village'". The article stated that [ ]

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who was born in Moscow, and who now lives in Brooklyn, is a widely experienced journalist, writer, and war correspondent".

[redacted] stated that she has no intention of seeing [redacted] again and under no circumstances will she consent to additional interviews with him. She stated that she suspects him because of his questioning of her, and that her suspicion was so strong that she desired to report him to this Bureau. She requested that her identity be kept confidential.

[redacted] stated that in July, 1960, she married [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that this is her second husband, and that she was formerly married to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she is extremely interested in Russian affairs, and hopes to return to Russia in the fall of 1961, possibly as an exchange student. She stated that she did not know whether the Russian Government would permit her to return there because of the trouble she gave them in writing about the Jewish question. She stated that even though in Russia she was surveilled, harassed, threatened, and attempts made to compromise her, she still desired to return there because she feels that Russian people and Russian thought are her principal works and she intends to pursue these.

A review of NYO indices reflects a case file on [redacted], NY 105-14549. The case was opened on the basis of her contact with the Soviet Embassy in 1955 and subsequent contacts with the Soviet UN Delegation Headquarters in NYC. Investigation reflected that she was born on [redacted] and is employed by [redacted]. The investigation was discontinued on the basis of the logical explanation for [redacted] contact with the Soviets. It is noted in the case file she and [redacted] were [redacted]

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friends of Mr. and Mrs. BOHLEN, former US Ambassador to USSR whose full name is CHARLES E. BOHLEN.

There is a case file on [redacted]

The file reflects that [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed by Bureau agents in 1955 and [redacted] agreed to cooperate with this Bureau on the condition that his identity be kept strictly confidential. He stated that if his SWP background became known at NAACP, he would lose his job in 10 minutes.

In a later interview in 1955, [redacted] stated that he had been publicly identified in the CP press [redacted]

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There is a background memo in [redacted] case file at Serial [redacted]

[redacted] is the subject of NY 65-18231, which was not available for review prior to dictation.

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The material obtained from [redacted] during this interview is attached to this memo, which is submitted for any action deemed appropriate.

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NYO indices are negative on [redacted]

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On 4/20/61, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that PL 4-1234, Extension 2381, is the telephone number of the UN, and the extension is that of the Canadian and Australian Press.

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"I, [redacted], being duly sworn, make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been told that I do not have to make a statement and that any statement I do make may be used against me in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to give this statement and I have been advised of my right to consult an attorney.

"I was born [redacted] at [redacted] I've had two years of college education, attending New York City College 1932 to 1934. I reside at [redacted]

Los Angeles, California.

On March 3, 1961, I executed Form DD 48-1, in connection with my employment for the above firm, stating that I had never had any association with organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States; I knew that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was one of those organizations so designated.

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"I admit that I falsified my statement in this regard and declare that my sole reason in so doing was my fear that I would lose my job if I told the truth.

"I would like to furnish the following information concerning my affiliation with the SWP as I want the U. S. Government to know the whole truth about me - my greatest desire being that of acceptance as a loyal citizen of the United States.

"In 1940 I was working as [redacted] New York City; I met [redacted] who was employed there in the [redacted] She spoke to me of union activities and meetings of groups of persons who were interested in helping unions. Soon thereafter, when I was [redacted] she invited me to stay for a party at her apartment. I did so and met a number of persons who appeared to be quite intellectual to the extent I felt rather dumb. They discussed books - "Studs Lonigan" by James T. Farrell and "You Can't Go Home Again" by Thomas Wolfe - and I had never read either one of them nor was I familiar with what type of books they were. This social was probably in 1941.

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" A week or so after the social, [redacted] took me to a meeting of some kind, held in Wordaman's (phonetic) Hall, off 3rd Avenue; the subject of discussion was the plight of the coal miners.

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"During this period representatives of the Communist Party had contacted many tenants in the apartment building in which I lived - trying to get their literature accepted. I always refused it, as I figured they wanted to use us for a purpose - since we were Negroes. I considered myself rather clever to be so careful but I wasn't smart enough to realize the difference between being against an administration or a policy and being against the Government.

"About this time I was developing [redacted]

[redacted]

"On one occasion [redacted] arranged for me to meet her at [redacted] New York City, where she was attending a meeting. We were to have coffee or see a movie after her meeting. I went inside and sat in on the meeting, waiting for her. This was probably in early or middle 1942. [redacted] told me I should have waited outside. She mentioned the possibility of a play being given at a social one week later. I was eager to show these persons that I was smart enough in my own field so [redacted]

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[redacted] This idea seemed to give me a certain degree of importance with these persons.

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"About this time, October or November, 1942, [redacted]

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"We had many talks of course. She told me of a group of 13 persons going to prison because they opposed war. She had books on socialism and also about these 13 persons. When we met, after my work day and [redacted] meeting, it was usually at [redacted] and I'd go into the meetings to wait on [redacted]. She then told me I couldn't come there anymore - that these were SWP meetings - that the SWP believed in socialism - and she made a point of telling me that SWP was a legal party. I continued to meet [redacted] however, at these meetings and on occasion [redacted]

"In late 1942 [redacted] took me to the Office of [redacted] also known as [redacted] who was City Organizer for the SWP. He told me I shouldn't come to any more meetings unless I was a member because these were business meetings and outsiders were not wanted. I told him I couldn't join as I was not a citizen. [redacted] told me I didn't have to join as a member - but I told him I wouldn't come to any more meetings.

"I continued to go with [redacted] to socials of the SWP and on Sundays I often accompanied and helped her in a distribution of the SWP publication, "The Militant." I didn't see anything wrong in this.

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"I read some of the issues of "The Militant" but they didn't make sense to me. I had no background for it. But I couldn't see the SWP doing anything wrong. They didn't seem to hurt anyone - they didn't speak of force and violence in my presence.

"In late 1942 the SWP sponsored a class on the Communist Manifesto, taught by Al Russell and others. I attended this class. [ ] did not as she had long before passed through that stage. I don't recall any particular comments by the SWP teachers on this Communist Manifesto. They just seemed to accept it in its entirety.

"[ ] and others in the SWP group told me there had formerly been a Harlem Branch of the SWP that was now inactive. [ ] told me they needed "some good Negroes." That phrase worried me and I explained to him and to [ ] that I didn't consider myself a "good Negro." I asked [ ] to explain what he meant and he said the SWP needed dependable Negroes to reactivate the Harlem Branch. He said there was an SWP Negro Committee to study the "Negro question" and that he would like for me to meet with this Committee, that they needed "good Negroes" to do something for the Negro race.

"In 1943 I attended one meeting of this Negro Committee; it met at [ ] New York City. I went, not as a member, but as an interested outsider. Herbert Hill, white, was organizer of this Committee; [ ] white, was also a Committee member. Six months later the Harlem Branch of the SWP was re-activated. Its members were: [ ] Negro; Herbert Hill, white; [ ] white; [ ] white; [ ] Negro.

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"The Harlem Branch took over from the Branch that met at [ ] the distribution of SWP literature in the Harlem area. Herbert Hill mapped out a program of distributing SWP literature. I was asked to help distribute SWP literature in front of the Abyssinian Church, on Sunday mornings. I refused to do this in front of a church on Sunday morning. This was my first clash with the SWP. I told Hill I was through with the Negro Committee. I told [ ] I didn't see any reason for the Committee - that the Negro was not a special case. She said the Negro was a special case and that was my first clash with [ ]. Despite this, I went with [ ] on literature distributions in the Harlem area and helped her, as Harlem was too rough an area for her to be alone.

"The Negro Committee got [ ]  
[ ] to run as candidate for the City Council.

[ ] told me to meet her, as usual, at [ ] University Place and to come into the SWP meeting after the business portion of the meeting was over - she was certain no one would say anything to me. I continued to meet [ ] this way, and afterwards we would have coffee or see a movie before going home. On occasion, while sitting in on the latter portion of these meetings I heard the speakers refer to me as [ ] explained that some of the persons in attendance used a name other than their own, like [ ] using the name [ ] and that it didn't mean anything. I never used this name myself for any purpose, orally or in writing - it was given to me by the SWP persons and I don't know why or how they chose it for me.

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"In 1944 the Harlem Branch of the SWP sent Negro delegates to the National SWP Convention in Chicago; there was some sort of an incident in a hotel and the Negro delegates were sent by the SWP to a cheap hotel on the South side of Chicago.

[redacted] one of these Negro delegates from the Harlem Branch, when he returned to New York, told me that the SWP wasn't the organization it claims to be, referring to this incident.

[redacted] New SWP City Organizer, came to our apartment and told me he had heard I had expressed some strong opinions to [redacted] and others, objecting to the Chicago incident; he told me he didn't want the incident discussed at the Harlem Branch meeting.

"Soon thereafter there was a meeting of the Harlem Branch and I stood up and made a strong protest over the Chicago incident. I must have "lowered the boom" on the Harlem Branch - as there was quite a number of Negroes present to hear my protest - and there was never another meeting of the Harlem Branch after that. This was in November, 1944 and I never attended another meeting of the SWP. I had attended some 12 to 16 of these weekly branch meetings of the Harlem SWP group.

[redacted] at this time, also quit attending SWP meetings. As a test of the SWP reaction [redacted] and I went to the SWP New Year's Eve social on 12-31-44, held on 59th Street, between Madison and Lexington Avenues. We were not accepted - we were thrown out and

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[redacted] called us 'a bunch of Capitalists,'  
probably referring to the fact I had [redacted]  
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"After 12-31-44 I had no more contact with the SWP. About one year later a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service called me in to talk to me about my SWP activities and my alien status. He told me what I was doing wrong, that is - associating myself with the SWP, and asked me to swear I would have no more to do with the SWP. I then swore to this and have lived up to my oath.

"I would like to clear up any doubtful points about my SWP association; in this connection I would like to make the following, positive statements: I have never been a member of the Executive Committee of any SWP Branch; never a member of any membership Committee; never held the position of Harlem Activity Director; never interviewed prospective members of the SWP; never used the name [redacted]; never paid dues nor made contributions to the SWP; never held a membership card or membership in the SWP; never attended any SWP function outside of New York City; never attended any SWP 'trade union' meetings; never was elected alternate to the New York City Committee of the SWP.

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"Besides the [redacted] I made to the Harlem Branch of the SWP, I made one other talk which was before this Branch - it was on [redacted] and at that time I had some thought of a [redacted]

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"In regard to my personal history, I would like to say I met [redacted] my wife, in 1949 and we started living together. We came to California in the fall of 1949; I wasn't earning much money and it wasn't until 1958 that I was financially able to get a divorce from [redacted] we had one son by that union, [redacted] who is now [redacted] years of age. In 1959 [redacted] who was born in [redacted] and I were formally married. By this union we have had three children: [redacted] age [redacted] age [redacted] age [redacted] years.

"My greatest desire is to be accepted as a citizen of the United States and to be allowed to earn a living for my wife and children. Because I was naive and slow to comprehend the implications of my actions, I made the mistake of associating myself with the SWP, primarily through my infatuation with [redacted] Since 1944 I have tried, by being a loyal, law-abiding worker in this country, to live down this mistake. I wanted to join the U S Army in 1941 but my employer, [redacted] said I was an essential employee, I couldn't join the U-S-Army during the Korean War as [redacted] and I had [redacted] born to us.



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"I have read the preceeding statement consisting of 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialled each page and signed my name below.

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"/s/ [redacted]

"Sworn and subscribed .  
to before me this May 9, 1961 at Los Angeles,  
California

"Witnessed: /s/ [redacted] FBI, Los Angeles  
[redacted] FBI, Los Angeles"

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# Memorandum

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DATE: 5/25/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-54162)

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SUBJECT:   
SM - SWP; FAG

OO: Los Angeles

Rerep of SA  dated 10/30/56  
at New York, and rerep of SA  dated  
5/25/61 at Los Angeles.

In connection with this investigation,  
subject was interviewed under oath in the Los Angeles  
Office on 5/8/61 and executed a sworn statement on  
5/9/61. In this statement he mentioned eight persons,  
all associated with the SWP, New York City, who are  
as follows:

① - New York (Enc. 8) (REGISTERED)

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(2 - HERBERT HILL)

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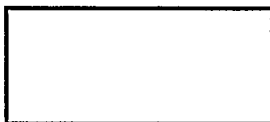
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of this sworn statement, one each for the New York files of the eight individuals named above.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-0

Salt Lake City, Utah  
May 3, 1962

PICKETING OF RANCHO LANES RECREATION  
CENTER, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

SU T-1 on the evening of May 2, 1962, furnished the following information telephonically:

Informant had just attended an Executive Board meeting of the Salt Lake City Branch of the National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP) in Salt Lake City, Utah. At this time it was decided that members of the NAACP in Salt Lake City would picket the Rancho Lanes Recreation Center, 641 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, on Saturday, May 5, 1962, from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. This picketing will be peaceful in nature. Every effort will be made to eliminate from the list of pickets persons who are known troublemakers. The name of [redacted] was on a suggested list of pickets as a volunteer. The President of the Salt Lake City Branch of the NAACP, [redacted], at this Board meeting stated Curtis' name should be deleted, since his political thinking and background were not consistent with NAACP views and activities.

It is planned that the pickets will have posters. The exact wording of the posters is not yet known, but they will be moderate in tone and will seek merely to bring out that the Rancho Lanes Recreation Center does not treat members of the Negro Race in the same manner as it treats members of other races. Plans are also being made for handbills to be printed or mimeographed for use by the pickets, but it is not definite that this will be accomplished. The number of pickets has not been decided, but it is not desired that mass picketing be involved.

Herbert Hill, Labor Secretary of the national organization of the NAACP, was in Salt Lake City during the weekend of April 28 and 29, 1962. One of his suggestions to the Salt

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Lake City Branch of the NAACP was that this branch engage in picketing in order to accomplish its aims with respect to the elimination of discrimination. It is as a result of this suggestion by Hill that the picketing of the Rancho Lanes has been decided upon. The NAACP in Salt Lake City has no further plans at this time with respect to picketing.

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SU T-2 has advised that [REDACTED]  
is a current member of the Communist  
Party in Utah.

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Salt Lake City, Utah  
May 8, 1962

PICKETING OF RANCHO LANES RECREATION  
CENTER, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Reference is made to the principal letterhead  
memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources used in referenced communication have  
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Date 5/7/62

Harriet Hill

**Address**

Birth Date

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☐ Male☐ Female

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Negro

HILL, MR. HERBERT

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Alleged pro-Nazi (1940)

REFERENCE NOT IDENTICAL WITH CASE FILE 100-92288\*

HILL, HERBERT 7/58

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White

DOB: [REDACTED]

POB: New York, New York  
Labor Secretary of NAACP

Pertinent Subversive data insert memorandum  
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SEE CARD ON HERBERT MILTON HILL

HILL, HERBERT  
FUGITIVE

25-43941\*

Born 1908 Canada  
Wife [REDACTED]

HILL, HERBERT aka

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S 6221 p. 32 - Contacted re [redacted] next door to whom he used to live. Info. obtained set out. Stated [redacted] was constantly typing - also was unfriendly and spoke very brokenly.

33 - Stated he had never heard [redacted] make any remarks which would indicate any nationalistic tendencies.

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Redlands, San Bernardino, Calif.

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Indianapolis News

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (157-0)

PICKETING OF RANCHO LANES  
RECREATION CENTER,  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,  
RACIAL MATTERS

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of  
a letterhead memorandum dated 5/3/62 and captioned as above.

One copy is being furnished New York for information  
purposes in view of the fact the picketing is the result of a  
suggestion made by HERBERT HILL, Labor Secretary of the national  
organization of the National Association For The Advancement Of  
Colored People.

The Salt Lake City, Utah, Police Department is being  
advised of the above picketing.

The informants utilized in the letterhead memorandum  
are:

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in the letterhead memorandum and T symbols were utilized only where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent developments in this matter.

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# Hill Resigns House Unit, Hits ILGWU

By TED POSTON.

Herbert Hill, labor secretary of the NAACP, today resigned as a consultant to the House Education and Labor Committee with a demand for a stepped-up investigation of charges of racial discrimination against the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

In a letter to Chairman Powell, Hill called for "the fullest investigation of the substantive issue I have raised," and said of his resignation:

"I do this solely because the real issue before the committee—racial discrimination and denial of democratic rights within the ILGWU—has been obscured by the introduction of personalities. My continued association with the committee will undoubtedly be used further to obscure this vital issue."

Chief Witness.

Hill, the principal witness against the union in a subcommittee hearing presided over

by Rep. Zelenko (D-Manhattan), here last Aug. 18, had accused the union of denying promotion, equal pay representation to Negro and Puerto Rican members.

He was bitterly assailed by ILGWU president David Dubinsky, who accused him of conflict of interest in representing the committee as a part-time consultant while serving the NAACP. A similar charge was made by Chairman Burleson (D-Texas) of the House Administration Committee who had named Hill as one of 20 such consultants hired by Powell.

## NAACP's Reply

The "conflict of interest" charge was rejected, however by Rev. Stephen Gill Spottswood, NAACP board chairman, who said "the country's most knowledgeable authorities on industrial discrimination against Negroes," and said he had taken the consultant post with NAACP approval.

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Date: 9/20/62  
Edition: LATE CITY  
Author: TED POSTON  
Editor: DOROTHY SCHIFF  
Title: ILGWU

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-72625) (42)

Date: 10/2/62

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A copy of informant's report follows:

9/12/62

At approximately 11:30 a.m. [redacted]  
[redacted] personally visited [redacted]  
[redacted] The following discussion  
took place during [redacted] visit:

[redacted] gave [redacted] a 12 page typewritten report  
of testimony by HERBERT HILL, the National Secretary of the  
NAACP, before an investigating committee which met in NY  
to determine whether or not the practice of discrimination  
against Negroes was made by the union officials of the ILGWU.  
[redacted] requested [redacted] read this testimony thoroughly  
and digest it as [redacted] considered this testimony to be  
very important.

[redacted] sold [redacted] a book entitled, "Jews In The  
USA" by PAUL NOVAK, at the price of 25¢. This booklet  
contained 56 pages and was translated from the Jewish language  
into English by SID RESNICK.

[redacted] gave [redacted] a pamphlet concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] which related to [redacted] campaign for the NY State  
Assembly election to be held in the near future. [redacted]  
asked [redacted] if the latter would join her, [redacted] to  
canvass in the Harlem area of NY on 9/11/62 in the evening  
hours in an effort to obtain signatures on a petition in  
supporting [redacted] in his election campaign.

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[redacted] also gave [redacted] a poem entitled, "Thirty  
Years", by MORTON SOBEL.

[redacted] invited [redacted] to a social to be held at the  
residence of [redacted] on 9/15/62, at 8:00 p.m., invitation  
extended to a select group. This party was sponsored by the  
Garment Labor Commission for Civil Liberties. The admission  
to this social affair is free, [redacted] stated it was being  
sponsored by "THEIR" group and no further details were  
mentioned by [redacted] at this time.

[redacted] told [redacted] of a Council Meeting to be  
held on Tuesday, 9/18/62, at the residence of [redacted]  
immediately after work, about 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. [redacted] stated  
[redacted] would be present at this meeting.

[ ] asked [ ] for her full name, address, age, telephone number, and if any member of her immediate family worked for the US Government. [ ] explained she needed this information concerning [ ] even though she had already had this data in her possession because she would have to turn this information over to some other party not disclosed by [ ] received the impression from the questions posed by [ ] this data concerned Party matters.

[ ] told [ ] [ ] was currently in the Soviet Union where the latter is visiting her daughter who is expecting a child in the near future and [ ] went there to be at her side to render assistance if needed. [ ] displayed pictures of [ ] and told [ ] that the daughter of [ ] reside in the Soviet Union and [ ] receiving an education there to become doctors. [ ] said [ ] went to the Soviet Union in May, 1962, and will remain there until her daughter has delivered her baby and is safe.

[ ] gave [ ] a copy of the "Worker", a book by GEORGE MORRIS entitled, "American-Labor Which Way" and a book by PAUL ROBESON entitled, "Here I Stand". [ ] asked [ ] if the latter wished to attend classes or whether she would prefer reading material about the Party. [ ] stated she would prefer receiving literature about the Party rather than attend classes.

The above discussion ended at approximately 1:30 at which time [ ] left [ ]

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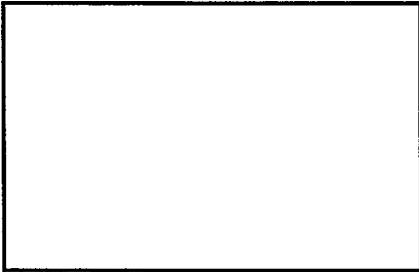


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Chicago, Illinois

On [redacted] there was a Communist Party  
of Illinois Board meeting held at [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago. Present at the  
meeting were the following:



[redacted] (invited guest)

MORRIS CHILDS, a member of the Board, was absent  
and no explanation was given.

[redacted] opened the meeting and indicated that they  
were only going to discuss the labor policy statement being  
prepared by the National Committee of the Party. He  
introduced [redacted] to lead this discussion.

Comments by [redacted]

[redacted] stated the Party's labor policy statement  
emphasizes the role of the working class and the Party's  
relationship to that role. The statement is a guide to the  
Party's concentration on the working class. The essence  
of the statement concerns itself with the struggle for jobs  
as the central theme. Within that it highlights the struggle  
for the shorter work week. The statement also redefines  
the role of the working class and criticizes the Party's  
position on this question. It also deals with changes in the  
working class as to composition, wages, etc. It deals with the  
international character of the working class and it poses  
new problems and new tasks for the working class. It calls

for the unity of the working class, the organization of the unorganized, the struggle for political action and included is the Party's proposals on an extension of the existing program of the working class and the trade union movement. There is a discussion of the Negro labor alliance, the activation of the rank and file, struggles against business unionism and it recognizes the NALC and the growth of the Negro caucus movements. It discusses the labor movement and the struggle for peace and the absence of labor's role in the current peace movement and the cold war policies of the leadership of the trade union movement. It discusses the role of the Party in the trade union, the struggle to break the Party's isolation from the working class and the struggle against having a negative approach to the trade union movement. There is also a section in the statement dealing with the Party's method of work and objectives of building the left within the trade union movement. The statement takes note of the unemployed situation and calls for industry as well as trade unions' forms for organizing the unemployed.

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Lastly, according to [ ] the report deals with the struggle to circulate our press and the role of our press in the working class movement.

[ ] then went into some special problems in Illinois in regards to the Party's industrial work. Here he indicated the necessity to make the Party line on industrial concentration the property of the Party's entire membership. To help win the Party ideologically to that position, once we have gotten understanding in our Party, we will get action in this direction. On the Party organization in Chicago we have been fairly successful in maintaining our organization in certain industries. We have enlarged our Party's collectives on industrial work and we are beginning to re-establish ties with those who have left our Party. There are possibilities for rebuilding the Party in Shoe, Steel and the Electrical Workers areas. In Packing, the Party club is made up of individuals who are no longer in the packing industry. Here we must help these comrades develop a perspective that will keep them orientated toward winning recruits from the packing industry. We should also consider how the Party can help make

the Packinghouse workers hall a center for activity. At present we in the Party have no experience in other forms of non-Party organizations in the trade union movement.

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[ ] indicated his concern over some problems that exist in the Party's industrial work. One question is how do we work without exposing our comrades to the attack of the FBI and the bosses and at the same time struggle around the issues facing the working class. For example, [ ] indicated, BERNICE DISKIN had been working for months trying to organize her office into a teamsters union. The campaign had progressed quite well and they were bordering on an NLRB election, at which without doubt the union would have won. However, the manager issued a statement in which they exposed BERNICE as a communist and fired her on about October 1, 1962. At this point the campaign became completely confused and many of the members in the office cooled off to the campaign. The significant question here, said [ ] was that BERNICE had not confided in any of the women in her office as to her affiliation. The union postponed their call for an election for recognition and filed an unfair practices claim against the company for firing BERNICE and that is being litigated by the NLRB.

In concluding this, [ ] said, we must put forth more effort so that the Party members in industry can gain confidence in their fellow workers enough to discuss their affiliations so that at a time of attack they will not be alone. [ ] continued that there are also some ideological problems the Party must answer, and that Chicago presently is notoriously anti-labor. Also, the line of the National Guardian is also influential in certain circles in Illinois and it is a bad line. Lastly, the position of the late [ ] who discounts the working class is also a factor in our work. The Party must do more to expose the lies of the big business press and this it must do in its own name and by helping to develop the workers as an instrument in the ideological battle and we cannot rely on mere subscriptions to "The Worker" because it will not solve the problem.

There are certain changes in the composition of the Chicago working class that our Party must study. First, there are a great many Southern immigrants in Chicago, both Negro and white. Secondly, there are certain "industries" which are dominated by Negroes, such as the Federal Post Office, the CTA drivers, the social work field, and in warehouses. There are certain new struggles on the horizon in Chicago, such as the Chicago teachers who are negotiating for higher wages. The Party's task should be how to get support to the teachers in this struggle. There are some experiences the Party in Illinois has had that should be examined to learn lessons. Illinois has seen several strikes, particularly the railroad strike recently completed where here the central issue is human rights vs. property rights and here the railroad union was divided and this fight is not completed as yet. Secondly, there is the problem of the struggle for the shorter work week. The unions are moving on this question and without a doubt legislation will be introduced in Congress dealing with this question and the Party must be prepared to rally behind this struggle. There is also a new recognition of the danger of the ultra-right in the trade union movement. For instance, WALTER REUTHER sent a copy of The Nation Magazine to all his staff personnel pointing out the article within the magazine that deals with the ultra-right. There have been certain advances already in the shorter work week, such as the hotel workers in New York, some small gains in the Steel Industry and, of course, the electricians in New York.

[ ] asked the question where does our Party go from here. First, he said, we must rally behind the bill when it is introduced in Congress for a shorter work week. Secondly, we must develop in the Party a serious ideological campaign. Thirdly, we must fight for motions not locally around this campaign and lastly, to find ways our Party can help involve mass organizations in the struggle.

On unemployment, continued [ ] in Chicago the bosses are putting pressures on the workers because of the large work force that is available. The Party combats the idea that the figure of 4 per cent for unemployment can

be lived with. In Chicago the situation in the relief program is scandalous and should be exposed. There is a continuing crisis in the tax structure where the high income get away with murder.

The Temporary Woodlawn Organization (TWO) is moving on the question of unemployment. In particular, said [ ] we in the Party must consider some forms of organization involving the youth because they are hardest hit in the unemployment situation.

On October 14-15, 1962, in Detroit there was a conference on unemployment, peace, and jobs held under the auspices of the Quakers and some progressive forces in labor. Further, said [ ] on Tuesday, November 20, 1962, in Chicago there will be a conference under the same auspices. [ ] said the Illinois Party should give attention to this development and try to see where it is going. We must find ways to participate in a struggle to break the [ ] machine without seeding a reactionary Republican takeover of the city. This can be done by helping to stimulate within and around the Democratic Party. There is no one form that will make this possible. In some areas, such as the 10th Congressional District, the Party is influential in [ ]. However, in other areas the Party may have to think through the creation of other forms. The Party must help labor in its efforts to get a candidate from its ranks to replace [ ]. The peace candidates' concept is still valid although we in the Party did not agree with how these candidates ran their campaign in Chicago.

[ ] further remarked that on the struggle for Negro rights that he had attempted to include this question throughout his report. However, there are a few questions that should be singled out. One is that there were approximately 120 trade unions where there was found no discrimination pledge for Vice-President LYNDON JOHNSON and secondly, although the Party does not support the NAACP's call for de-certification, the Party does support the struggle to end discrimination in the trade union movement. Lastly, the Party must fight for a

stronger FEBC. [ ] stated the basic line of the Party in regards to the NALC is correct, that is the Party will not put all of its efforts in the NALC and will continue to try and find new forms for activity. One aspect will be to try and create a center in the Packinghouse Workers Hall and to make it a place for progressive activity. [ ] stated that he has been very gratified by the help he has received from the Negro comrades. He has been particularly grateful in his relationship with [ ] whom he feels is doing an excellent job and is fighting for a creative approach to the work. [ ] stated he was also impressed with work of comrade [ ] and stated he could not have gotten along without his assistance and it would have been impossible to have gathered in the organization in the industrial section. [ ] further indicated that the Board should know that the Negro comrades in the industrial division were the backbone of the division and that four out of the six club chairmen are Negroes.

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[ ] continued and said that the merger of the AFL-CIO brought new possibilities for the Party's work in the Illinois trade union movement. However, he did reiterate that his position was that the Teamsters Union in Chicago is still the most decisive force in the organized labor movement and we must in the Party find some way of establishing a relationship there. Also, we in the Party must not write off any semblances of contacts we are able to maintain with any ex-communists or friends in the trade union movement.

[ ] said the Party must develop left initiative around specific issues in an attempt to mobilize left forces in the trade union movement. New forms should be thought through, such as forces around the magazine, "Labor Today" which could be part of a discussion group that will lead to the deepening of their understanding and eventually into the Party.

[ ] said we have a person in Chicago now who will give more attention and action as a representative for Labor Today and the Party generally should give more attention to this magazine. Our biggest problem, said [ ] is to create an active mass base around our comrades so that it will give them a place to work from. There are forces, [ ] indicated, downstate and there is need for someone to make a trip and try to consolidate something. Also, Local 743 of the Teamsters Union should be singled out as the Party's number 1 challenge to organize a Party force there. Lastly, said [ ] our Party has possibilities and should fight to establish left groups in the big mill and steel (U.S. Steel), in the Packinghouse Center, in Auto and in Railroad. Also, said [ ] with respect to leadership, there has been an improvement in the collectivity in the Party in fighting for the line and this should be enlarged and continued. [ ] indicated that at present he was extremely enthusiastic about his assignment and his work.

Comments by [ ]

[ ] indicated that he and the other comrades in the industrial section of the Party were very pleased with [ ] approach to the work. [ ] further indicated that the fight for jobs and the 35 hour week could be a rallying point for all labor. There are several teachers involved in the NALC who could perhaps play a role in the current struggle. There is also the possibility, [ ] indicated, that the Party will be able to help stimulate a TULC type movement in Chicago that can begin to act on political action activities. This will be a great stimulus to the struggle against the DALEY machine.

Comments by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

LIGHTFOOT began by proposing the establishment of a committee of [ ] and [ ]

to overlook the Perlo study of the tax struggle in Illinois to see if it can be brought up to date and reissued. Secondly, he said, this committee should work out a state program against recession and unemployment. Thirdly, said LIGHTFOOT, it should outline some educational material on the 35 hour week and finally it should check on the call for a local program to end Jim Crow in Chicago that was asked for some months ago.

LIGHTFOOT continued and indicated he had just left New York and had participated with the comrades on the NALC convention. LIGHTFOOT stated that the NALC convention survived three crises. The first one was on the NAACP and the ILGWU struggle. The second was on anti-communism and the third was on the leadership question.

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With respect to the NAACP, LIGHTFOOT said that A. PHILIP RANDOLPH found himself embarrassed by the report against the ILGWU because the ILGWU was RANDOLPH's staunch supporter and RANDOLPH was forced to come in with a strong resolution in support of the NAACP.

On anti-communism, said LIGHTFOOT, RANDOLPH was stifled by the negotiations of the Chicago delegates in preventing a witch hunt in the organization and as for [redacted] the Board should know that he did not meet with her because of her actions at the Executive Board meeting when she fingered two individuals by encircling their names on a list of officers of the Chicago Chapter that she turned over to A. PHILIP RANDOLPH. LIGHTFOOT felt that he could no longer trust her and that those in the Party should discuss what to do about her.

On decertification, the Party supported RANDOLPH's position, that is, the Party is not for such measures and it opposed [redacted] who took the position for de-certification.

The leadership question was solved because the status quo was returned to office and RANDOLPH turned over some of the reigns to a man named [redacted] and [redacted].

[redacted] According to LIGHTFOOT, the Party estimates that [redacted] can be worked with and that he is from Local 65 in New York.



LIGHTFOOT indicated that the convention's call for a march on Washington is most significant and ways should be found to implement it and at the same time support the bill in Congress that calls for a program to combat recession and unemployment.

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[redacted] indicated that he supports the main conclusions of [redacted] report and thinks it was an excellent one. In the ideological struggle to win the Party, [redacted] indicated the labor statement should include, in addition to explaining the historical role of the working class, a concrete estimate of the working class in this country and an estimate of the existing organized trade union movement. Most of the objections [redacted] indicated to the Party's position by non-Party progressives is that there is a difference of estimate of the ability of the existing organized trade union movement to fulfill that historic role because of corruption of the leadership, Jim Crow and complacency. Secondly, said [redacted] there has to be a serious look at the rift that is taking place in the Negro-labor alliance. Not only is it significant that the middle class board of the NAAUP supports HERBERT HILL and rejects MEANY's arrogant plea for his dismissal, but the Executive Board of the NALC was itself split seven to six on the question of de-certification and this board of the NALC is composed of piecards (staff personnel of the union) whose jobs depend on a good relationship with MEANY, etc. Therefore, the Party must have specific concrete alternatives to offer in lieu of de-certification.

Comments by LOU DISKIN

DISKIN stated that [redacted] report was excellent and he thereafter began to speak on the experience that his wife BERNICE had in trying to organize the white collar workers in her office. On this, DISKIN said it is true that BERNICE did not have any fellow workers who knew of her Party connections; however, there was no attempt to hide the ideas that she had, including socialism, the Negro

question, etc. However, when the company fired her for being a communist, the people did not associate her ideas as a positive thing but only reacted to the concept of communism. It is necessary, said DISKIN, to examine this experience in much more detail for the lessons to be learned.

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In the peace movement, DISKIN indicated, the left is leading the Party. The Guardian line is still dominant in the peace movement in Illinois and the Party must bring more concrete experiences to its membership. DISKIN indicated he did not agree with the proposal that LIGHTFOOT made for a committee but rather the board should organize directly from the ranks working committees on these projects. DISKIN indicated he agrees with [ ] on the teamster concentration and also indicated that the Party must attack [ ] for his position on the NAACP.

Comments by SAM DAVIS

DAVIS indicated he was of the opinion [ ] report was excellent and as far as the NAACP - ILGWU question is concerned, he feels that the Party should take a position that the unions are not the main enemy of the Negro people and therefore the attack should be directed toward the companies and not the unions.

Comments by [ ]

[ ] indicated that he would have liked to have seen the full document of the labor policy statement because he feels more should be said on the general questions of the labor movement. For example, what is the class appraisal of the American trade union movement in the document? Another question will be how is the Party answering concretely the line of the National Guardian and other critics and also how is the Party answering the specific facts that there is stagnation in the trade union movement and its membership is declining? [ ] also indicated that the Party is not fighting beyond its ranks

to work out certain aspects to these problems. That is, there are some questions that only the Party can answer. One is on anti-communism. This is a prime responsibility of the Party to answer this question and only the Party will answer it correctly and deepen the understanding of the workers. A second question is the organization of the workers in the South and within that the unity of Negro and white workers in the South. [ ] said that the Party must react to this challenge. In his opinion there are not in existence at present the young forces in the trade union movement who will go out and fight to organize the unorganized, and therefore, a tremendous responsibility lies in the Party to stimulate this movement.

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Comments by [ ]

[ ] indicated his agreement with the report of [ ] and he feels that the labor policy statement will give the Party means to solve many of its problems. The document is complex and must be viewed as a living document to be tested in its processing. It gives the Party membership ideas to fight with. [ ] indicated he had met with the CP Steel Club and saw first hand how the comrades were struggling to get answers to many difficult questions. Many of these comrades, [ ] indicated, were groping on how to develop criticism within their union without becoming oppositionists and how to prevent struggles in such a way that it is do or die in the union. Therefore, what [ ] was saying was that new technical methods and know-how is needed for the comrades. Making our industrial work as a collective responsibility, [ ] indicated, is a very good thing. All Board members can play a role in the Party's industrial work. [ ] indicated that [ ] who is an ex-comrade is making wrong moves in regards to the printers industry. He is essentially developing an oppositionist approach. He is also involving some of the top Party comrades in his activities. The Party must intervene and prevent such a development and Comrade JACK KLING can help in this regard. On the question of unemployment, [ ] indicated, the Party must think through

the slogan of the nationalization of certain industries. On the coming elections in Illinois, in Chicago the Party must develop a program that will help labor participate more fully in this direction.

### General Discussion and Proposals

[ ] made a proposal that rather than establish a new committee that the committee which was set up at the last CP Board meeting should be the committee to work out details of this report and that Comrade [ ] should be added to that committee.

[ ] indicated he did not want to summarize but only to indicate that they must hammer home the ideological questions of the central role of the working class and the struggle for unity and the fulfillment of its potential.

All of the proposals [ ] indicated that were contained within the report will be referred to the staff for implementation.

[ ] acted for a special privilege point. He indicated that many comrades had been pressing him to lead a discussion on the India-China situation. He indicated that as far as he knew no material was available from the Party and he wanted to know if they should not have a seminar for the leading comrades on this question.

LIGHTFOOT indicated that there would be a discussion in New York by the National Resident Board and they were preparing a document dealing with this question. He proposed that the Illinois Party wait until this document comes out before any action is taken. If pressed by comrades for discussion, he suggested they should take the general discussion that was in a "Worker" editorial which called on the Chinese and the Indians to cease fire and negotiate but not to get into the details of the China-Soviet rift. All agreed and the meeting was thereafter adjourned.

It was announced, however, that the next Board meeting would be on November 30, 1962, and will be held at the Chicago School of Social Science. The topic of discussion would be on the youth question and [redacted] was to be invited.

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MEMORANDUM

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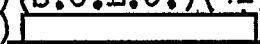


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MILDRED & JOE EDELMAN, SW 5-3124,  
FRANK DONNER, 342 Madison Ave., MU 2-8288,

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN, OR 3-3800,

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS, MU 5-2864,

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HERBERT HILL, NAACP, 16 W. 40th St., BR 9-1400,  
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Labor Research, 80 E. 11th St. GR 3-1042,  
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School of Marxist Studies, 852 Broadway, Room 1922,  
GR 3-1560.

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[redacted] that an article appears in the Fall, 1962 issue  
of "Freedomways", which is published by Freedomways Associates  
Inc., by one [redacted] who is identified as a lecturer  
in Sociology at the University of Ghana.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 11/27

Subject

Herbert Hill

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

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☐ Female

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36644)

FROM : SA JOHN D. RIORDAN

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL  
IS-C

DATE: 12-11-62

On 11/23/62, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SA JOHN D. RIORDAN a written report of a meeting of the national executive board, Negro American Labor Council, New York, New York, 11/8/62.

On the following pages is a summary of the written report which is retained in A) [redacted]

8 - New York (RM)

1 - 100-139834 (COMINFIL; NALC)  
1 - 100-19194 (A. PHILIP RANDOLPH)  
1 - 100-142138 [redacted]  
1 - 100-135084 [redacted]  
1 - 100-86236 [redacted]  
1 - 100-141737 [redacted]  
1 - 100- [redacted]  
1 - 100- (HERBERT HILL)

1 - Buffalo (RM)

1 - 100-17122 (COMINFIL, NALC) (INFO.)

2 - Cleveland (RM)

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1 - 100- (COMINFIL, NALC)  
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Chicago, Ill.  
November 12, 1962

The national executive board, Negro American Labor Council, met on November 8, 1962, at 9:30 a.m., at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, New York, N. Y..

Attending:

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, President, New York, N.Y.

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National Vice Presidents

[redacted]	Chicago, Ill.
[redacted]	"
[redacted]	"
[redacted]	New York, N. Y.
[redacted]	"
[redacted]	"
[redacted]	Pittsburgh, Pa.
[redacted]	St. Clairesville; Ohio
[redacted]	Detroit, Michigan
[redacted]	"

Lay members of Board

[redacted]	New York, N.Y.
[redacted]	, East Orange, N.J.
[redacted]	Detroit Michigan

Agenda:

1. Dues
2. Autonomy of Chapters
3. Communist infiltration into NALC
4. NALC-NAACP-ILGWU issue
5. Organizational structure
6. Chapter election
7. Workshops
8. Speaker
9. Committees

President RANDOLPH, [redacted] and [redacted] discussed dues with RANDOLPH favoring continuance of the \$4 dues and the others favoring a reduction to \$2. [redacted] felt a dues reduction was needed if the membership of the organization is to increase. RANDOLPH's plea for unity on this matter was followed by passage of a motion to continue the \$4 dues. [redacted] and [redacted]

voted against the motion, and [ ] abstained. [ ] had gone when the vote was taken.

On local autonomy, RANDOLPH stated local chapters have all autonomy necessary under the constitution and no chapter had the right to set up a program that is at variance with the national organization, and he would not tolerate local chapters going off on political matters. He said NALC supports NAACP, the Urban League, and [ ] but it does not adopt their programs. He said only the national office was to send out newsletters giving NALC's position on an event or an issue, and the President would be the editor of this. [ ] opposed this, but he was over-ruled.

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RANDOLPH said NALC would go on record supporting NAACP's position in its fight to eliminate discriminatory practices in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union against Negroes and Puerto Ricans. He did not agree however with the method of HERBERT HILL in working with a Congressional committee. He said he realized all unions were still practicing discrimination against Negroes and minority groups, but everyone knows what those Congressional committees are - they are all politicians looking for something to get votes. [ ] was critical of conditions in ILGWU and she said she was surprised and hurt when she read RANDOLPH's new release praising [ ] for his fight on civil rights for Negroes. She felt the resolution RANDOLPH presented was not strong enough in its support of the NAACP. [ ] was in agreement with this position. A motion was made that the resolution be re-written and it was passed. RANDOLPH appointed a committee of three for the purpose of writing a resolution, and he would re-write his resolution. He named [ ] and [ ] to the committee.

RANDOLPH reviewed the trouble NALC had with the communists in Buffalo, Cleveland, and New York Chapters, and he stated that before he would permit the agents of Moscow to take-over NALC he would dismantle the whole organization, that he could smell a communist since he had had so much trouble with them, that to get rid of them he had to torpedo the National Negro Congress, and he would do the same with NALC.

[ ] began to discuss organizational change, and RANDOLPH stated there will be no changes. [ ] asked that this item be placed on the agenda.

On chapter elections, RANDOLPH gave [ ] the floor since she had asked that this item be placed on the agenda.



[ ] would have stopped [ ] from speaking, but he was ruled out of order. [ ] told of irregularities in the chapter election. She asked if a person's membership had been canceled in one chapter, did that person have the right of membership in another chapter of the same organization, and could a person hold membership in two chapters at the same time, referring to [ ] being put out of the Cleveland chapter and now being a member of the Chicago chapter and causing trouble in the chapter, and [ ] a resident of Cleveland who should have a membership in the Cleveland chapter and who also hold membership in the Chicago chapter and was a delegate to the convention. He could also have been a member of the delegation from Cleveland and would as a result have two votes. [ ] protested [ ] questioning this and asked that she be ruled out of order. RANDOLPH stated the matter would be discussed because [ ] had been put out of the Cleveland chapter and she had also been named by [ ] as a communist. [ ] said he did not know about this, but that [ ] had been in Chicago two years; she therefore could not have been named by [ ] and have been put out of the chapter. [ ] pointed out that she did not know why [ ] was put out of the chapter, but it was before [ ] appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee, and she was not discussing the communist angle of the situation, but she wanted to know the membership status of these two people. RANDOLPH stated only [ ] could clear up the question, and it would have to await his arrival, and [ ] should write a documented statement to the national office on the Chicago chapter election before the board could properly deal with it.

[ ] stated he felt there was nothing the national office could do about the ballot count in Chicago now because if there were irregularities they could have destroyed the evidence by now, and he proposed when a member was dropped from one chapter for any reason that a letter be sent to all chapters informing them of the action of the chapter and that that person be sent a copy of the letter so that such trouble as this will not develop in the future. The motion passed.

Chairmen of convention committees were named:

Credentials - [ ]  
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Workshop committees were named also.

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who accompanied GEORGE MORRIS  
to the NAALC Convention, NYC,  
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(IRVING POTASH)

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21 - Chicago (100-36644) RM  
1 - 100- [REDACTED]  
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1 - 100-22483 [REDACTED]  
1 - 100- (C/M 6', 50 years old,  
light complexion, 180-190 pounds,  
thin to medium build, from Chicago,  
who attended NALC Convention,  
NYC. 11/9-11/62.)  
1 - 100- [REDACTED] (PH)  
1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)  
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28-29 years old, light brown, who  
attended NALC Convention, NYC 11/9-11/62.)  
5 - Newark  
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The third annual convention of the ~~NEGRO-AMERICAN~~  
LABOR COUNCIL (NALC) was held on 11/9 through 11/11/62  
in the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, Broadway at 34th Street,  
New York City.

The entire three days of the convention were taken  
up largely with speeches by individuals introduced from the  
speakers' platform. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, President of the  
NALC, gave the key note address. From the beginning, there  
was a constant flow of speeches on the speakers' platform  
and as soon as one speaker ended, another was introduced  
and began his speech. There was little opportunity for  
people on the floor to stand up and say anything.

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The following members of the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)  
were observed attending this convention:

[redacted]  
Newly designated leader  
of the New Jersey CP

GEORGE MORRIS  
of "The Worker"

Negro male, a reporter from  
"The Worker", who accompanied  
GEORGE MORRIS.

[redacted]  
from New Jersey

[redacted]  
from New York City

[redacted]  
from New York City

[redacted]  
from Chicago

[redacted]  
from Chicago.

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[redacted]  
from Chicago.  
(Apparently she is in the CP  
because LIGHTFOOT said he  
contacts her individually.)

[redacted]  
from New York City.

Negro male, about 5'6"  
195 pounds, married, 28-29 years  
light brown complexion, from  
Pittsburgh.

Negro male, 6' tall, approximately  
50 years old, light complexion,  
180 - 190 pounds, thin to medium  
build, from Chicago.

Other individuals observed at the convention were:

[redacted] (PH)  
from Chicago, who was in the CP  
in Cleveland, Ohio, but who said she  
dropped out recently when a former CP  
member testified for the government.  
(HEIGHT feels that the present CP, USA,  
is inept.)

[redacted]  
from Chicago.

[redacted] said she left the CP because she had  
been doing all the work and that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and others  
would criticize her work and tell her what she should have done.  
She said she became disgusted with the CP and left, and since  
then, she found she was able to do more out of the CP than in.  
She said when she wants to know what goes on in the CP, she  
contacts an individual in Chicago, named [redacted]. She said  
LIGHTFOOT is a playboy who goes around with young girls.

From what she said, it is assumed her husband,  
[redacted] left the CP also. [redacted] said that

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everyone knows how to run a mass organization, but no one does anything, using the guise of security as a reason for their inactivity. She said she was once fired from her job for being a CP member, but no one in the CP helped her. She said no one in the CP is doing anything about housing. She said that Doctor [redacted] and wife, in Chicago, used to be real active in the CP and a part of the mass struggle, but now Doctor STANLER and his wife, since moving to the best area of Chicago, look down their noses at people on the south side.

[redacted]  
from Chicago.

[redacted] said [redacted] S. dropped out of the CP for the same reasons that she left the CP, but [redacted] said that [redacted] dropped out of the CP because he had signed a Taft-Hartley affidavit.

[redacted] said [redacted] still does things for the CP when asked, by contributing to "The Worker", locating meeting hall, etc.

[redacted]  
(Recently expelled from the New York CP Negro Caucus, and who is currently active with "Progressive Labor.")

On Friday night, an NALC banquet was held at the Americana Hotel, which cost each person present \$10 to attend. There was a large number of people at the banquet. At about midnight, Friday night, 11/9/62, a group of CP members gathered in the room of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, of the Illinois CP leadership. LIGHTFOOT's room was on the seventh floor of a second-rate hotel, located at Broadway and 29th Street, New York City.

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The following CP members were present at this meeting:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT  
Chairman of the meeting.

IRVING POTASH  
of the CP, USA National Office

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[redacted]  
from New York City

[redacted]  
from New Jersey

[redacted]  
from Chicago

[redacted]  
from Chicago

Negro male, about 5'6"  
195 pounds, married,  
28 - 29 years, light brown  
complexion, from Pittsburgh.

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Another Negro male from Chicago, previously mentioned, was supposed to be present, but it was later learned he got his directions wrong and went up in Harlem looking for LIGHTFOOT's hotel, instead of down at 29th Street.

At this meeting, LIGHTFOOT appraised the CP strength at the convention by noting that there were no CP members from Detroit at the convention and only one from Pittsburgh. LIGHTFOOT informed those present that this meeting would be the only meeting he would have of CP members during the convention because government agents were all around and LIGHTFOOT did not want to risk being detected by them. LIGHTFOOT said that he and [redacted] (of the CP, USA National Office), who was not at this meeting, would not meet with any CP members after Friday night, for security reasons.

The meeting ended with a decision to make an issue of a report by HERBERT HILL, Labor and Industrial Secretary of the NAACP, regarding the ILGWU. This report by HILL, almost from the beginning, became a convention issue. It was brought out at this meeting that the CP members at the convention should press at all costs to support HILL's report. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, President of the NAACP, was against HILL's proposal in his report to decertify all labor unions that discriminated against anyone because of his race, creed, or color.

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LIGHT FOOT said that if the CP members did not take this stand, the NALC would go out of business. LIGHTFOOT said the CP members should also try to get [redacted] of Chicago, to run for executive secretary of the NALC. This meeting of CP members ended about 1:30, Saturday morning.

All through Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the NALC convention appeared to be run so tight that no one had much opportunity to speak from the floor. The plans made by CP members to influence the convention apparently never got off the ground. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT did not attend, although it would seem from what LIGHTFOOT said that he and [redacted] were in touch with each other.

The motion to support HERBERT HILL's report was defeated. On Friday and Sunday, A. PHILIP RANDOLPH emphasized in his speeches that in the past, the communists have been kicked out of the labor unions so they tried to find a happy hunting ground in the NALC. RANDOLPH said he had news for them - he would destroy the NALC before letting the CP get control of it. He said the NALC must be careful not to let CP members become members of the NALC.

The convention ended Sunday afternoon.



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December 19, 1962

On [redacted] there was a Communist Party  
of Illinois State Board meeting held at the residence  
of [redacted] The following were present:

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[redacted] was absent as his brother was  
in town. MORRIS CHILDS was absent; however, his name  
was not mentioned and no excuses were given.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT opened the meeting and proposed  
the following agenda:

1. The matters from the last staff meeting  
by [redacted].
2. Some proposals or additions to the Board.
3. A report on the Negro labor alliance by  
[redacted]
4. An examination of the recent public meetings  
~~that have been attacked by the Rockwell Nazi~~  
Grouping.

Comments by [redacted]

[redacted] gave a resume of the last staff meeting  
as follows: He said the staff discussed at its last  
meeting the follow-up of the elections; the follow-up of the

labor policy statement discussion; the youth question; enlarging the Board and combining its function with the State Committee.

On the election, [ ] indicated the staff proposed and acted on the following: That the areas in which election campaigns were underway would be approached by the Party leadership to discuss a concrete program. Some of these areas are as follows:

Each area in which there is a possibility of a Negro alderman being elected will be an area of concentration. They are the 29th Ward, the 27th Ward, the 21st Ward and the 24th Ward. There is some difference of opinion, WEST indicated, in regards to the 6th Ward. In the 10th Ward there is nothing new to report. In the 50th Ward there is rumor that [ ] the incumbent Republican Alderman, may be a possible mayoralty candidate. Also in the 50th [ ] a Democate member of the Jewish War Veterans, is a possible aldermanic candidate.

In the 49th Ward, [ ] indicated, there is a possibility of a candidate that should receive Party support. In the 40th Ward there is no candidate as yet. In the 42nd Ward the incumbent has no effective opposition. The wards that the staff chose for concentration are as follows:

There will be two in the Negro community that will be decisive but it hinges on discussion with the comrades in the area. There are also two wards on the West Side that the Party should concern itself with. In addition, the 40th Ward, the 49th, the 10th and the 42nd Wards are areas of concentration.

[ ] said the staff proposed that all clubs work out specific programs for their participation. [ ] further indicated that the staff discussed the Voters for Peace which held an evaluation meeting in which they indicated that they were preparing for 1964 by participating in the primaries.

The danger, [ ] indicated, of a premature statement from the Voters for Peace calling for the formation of a third Party is still a dangerous possibility. The Communist Party program will be ready for distribution soon and will deal with many ideological problems that still exist in the progressive movement. First, [ ] indicated, there is the problem of the Party's election outlook and objective. Secondly, the Democratic Party is not viewed as a Party in which the Communist Party is trying to capture but rather an area for independent political struggle. Thirdly, the Party has not given up its position on the struggle to build COPE. Lastly, to explore the possibility of making the precinct captains be elected rather than appointed by the alderman.

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The Labor Policy Statement will appear in the January Political Affairs. It is proposed that there will be a conference of the community Party clubs on Sunday, February 3, 1963 to discuss the ideological problems contained in that statement. Also, [ ] indicated, there should be a conference of industrial comrades to further discuss the policy statement and lastly, [ ] indicated, to organize a special meeting in which certain leaders of the last mass movement could participate such as the Afro-American Heritage Association (AAHA) and the CCDBR, headed by [ ]

Following the conference, said [ ] there should be adopted a program to be discussed in the various clubs. In Chicago the Educational Committee of the Party should get out a study on the changing structure of the Chicago working class. The Party should establish and build up a trade union mailing list. Further, said [ ] each staff member should be assigned to work with one or another industrial club to get the feel of the problem. There should be a short sub-drive for "Labor Today" included in the Party's program.

On the youth question, said [ ] the staff proposed that two young comrades be added to the Board, these being [ ] and [ ]. That also the staff examine for resolution the problems on the South Side in the Party. Further, that the staff pledge to support the PYOC to the tune of \$125 per year donation.

With respect to the Board and the staff, WEST indicated that the staff should remain as is; that is, LOU DISKIN, [ ], CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, SAM DAVIS, and [ ] will constitute the staff.

However, said [ ] the Board and the State Committee of the Party should combine with a meeting twice a month and have a membership of thirteen. In this regard, [ ] indicated that the building which houses the Midland News Agency has been sold and a new owner has taken over. This new owner has offered the Midland News Agency a two year lease with a ten per cent increase. [ ] indicated that it was the staff's opinion that the Party should maintain that office.

[ ] continued and said that the staff also discussed the Modern Book Store on Chicago Avenue. WEST indicated the Book Store continues to operate at a serious deficit. It is on the brink of bankruptcy. He said it is the staff's opinion that the Party should try and convince those running the Book Store to close it down. He said that the Book Store with its limited operation should move into the offices at the Midland News Agency. This alone will save \$200 a month. That said [ ] in the essence are the proposals of the last staff meeting.

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Comments by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

LIGHTFOOT indicated that before the discussion starts he would like to acquaint the Board with some bad news and that is that [ ] is in the hospital. He said a small tumor had been removed and that after taking a biopsy, it was determined that it was malignant.

Therefore, she is scheduled for more operations. LIGHTFOOT indicated that without conducting a fund drive, the Party should take a responsible approach toward raising some money to help defray her hospital expenses.

LIGHTFOOT further indicated that [redacted] who had previously indicated a willingness to meet with him had changed his position and was now unwilling to meet with the Party. However, LIGHTFOOT indicated [redacted] is still interested in re-establishing an independent voters movement which will mainly be tied to the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Lastly, LIGHTFOOT indicated, that the campaign in the 29th Ward is assuming mass proportions and should receive the support of the Party.

Comments by JACK KLING

KLING indicated that he was still concerned with the public spokesmen of the Party being both Negro and white and that he feels the Party should still fight for that position. Secondly, KLING questioned whether the Party itself should not try and find an office.

LIGHTFOOT indicated at that point that the staff will consider these questions.

Comments by [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that the Teachers Union in Chicago was again preparing for negotiations for a raise. [redacted] indicated that a petition has been circulated by the union on this question which has received 12,000 signatures out of a possible 18,000, also indicating that they are asking for union recognition.

Additional Comments by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated that he would like to get a vote on the proposed changes in the Board. The Board will be constituted with the following changes:

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT LOU DISKIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JACK KLING,  
SAM DAVIS, MILT COHEN, FRANK ROSEN to be replaced by  
[REDACTED]

Comments by SAM DAVIS

SAM DAVIS indicated that [REDACTED] wants out of all her responsibility including co-owner of the Midland News Agency. He indicated that in his opinion [REDACTED] should be asked to replace [REDACTED]. In his opinion [REDACTED] has a lot to offer to the Party. If this replacement is accepted, she should be added to the Board.

Comments by LOU DISKIN

DISKIN indicated that he had second thoughts about [REDACTED] being a member of the Board and really preferred [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] is a fine comrade and there is no question of her loyalty and her devotion to the Party and to its tasks. However, [REDACTED] has a working class background and is more mobile than [REDACTED].

Comments by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated he was impressed with the fact that [REDACTED] ideologically seems more equipped than [REDACTED] although he, too, felt that both comrades were worthy of consideration.



Comments by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

LIGHTFOOT indicated that he was of the opinion they could stretch a point and have fourteen members of the Board. However, [ ] indicated he objected and although he leaned toward having both comrades, that the Board is too large and they should make a choice between the two. LIGHTFOOT then indicated that the consensus of opinion seemed to be for [ ] and that she would be accepted by the Board. Therefore, [ ] was dropped and [ ] became the thirteenth member of the Board.

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[ ] then indicated he was curious as to how [ ] was proposed.

LIGHTFOOT indicated that he realized that naming [ ] was a bold step but said that there were no Negro women involved in the Party leadership since GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT passed away and [ ] had dropped out; therefore, recognizing the tremendous burden it puts on the Board, he proposed that [ ] be added.

[ ] indicated that he had no basic objective except that he was not sure that [ ] was ready for participation on the Board. [ ] indicated that he has no knowledge that [ ] has had any Party leadership experience even on a club level; therefore, this leap onto the Board could have serious consequences. [ ] said the discussions of the Board will be over her head and it is possible that it will become demoralizing. Therefore, if such a step is taken, the Board has to be collectively responsible to see that this comrade is not swamped.

[ ] indicated that he felt that it could be done and unless [ ] wanted to seriously object, [ ] could be accepted.

[ ] indicated he did not want to do any more than acquaint the Board with the character of the problem that such an addition in the name of [ ] would mean.

[ ] then moved for the slate to be accepted and the group accepted it.

[ ] was asked by [ ] to meet with [ ] and acquaint her with the decision of the Board. [ ] indicated he would.

The next point on the agenda was the Negro labor alliance. This report was opened by [ ] and the essence of the report is as follows:

Comments by [ ]

[ ] said the historical significance of the Negro-labor alliance is based on the Communist Party's understanding of Marxism-Leninism which calls for the unity of the entire working class. This unity is necessary for the defeat of imperialism and the prevention of war and the ultimate goal of socialism. This is true because of the Party's understanding that the working class is the most advanced class in society.

In America, said [ ] the Negro people's movement is a key factor in the struggle for socialism because of its special character; that is, it is an all-class government. It is objectively anti-imperialist. [ ] said the Negro people are in the main part of the working class and the enemy of the Negro people is the same as the enemy of the working class. In conclusion, said [ ] the Party's scientific estimate of society indicates there is an inevitable merger of the Negro people's movement and the working class movement. The Negro people's movement, therefore, is the most potent ally of the working class. As far as an estimate of the labor movement is concerned, the Party Board has had recent discussions and has arrived at a common outlook.

Therefore, said [ ] he would spend most of his time discussing certain trends in the Negro people's movement. The most significant new feature in the Negro movement is the massive attack against the theory of gradualism. This attack has involved hundreds and thousands of Negroes with their allies. Many Negro organizations have been shaken up by this massive demonstrative action and, therefore, the struggle for unity and labor must be on a higher level than it has been in the past. In fact, the slogan of the Negro movement can be summed up as "We ask your cooperation but not your permission." Much more could be added in regards to the features of the Negro movement but for lack of time, said [ ] he would move to the major question which in his opinion was that the present status of the Negro labor alliance is very serious. This has been building up, said [ ] over a period of years due to the weaknesses of the labor movement in the struggle for Negro rights.

Beginning with the expulsion of the progressive unions from the AFL-CIO said [ ] there developed a callous lack of concern on the part of the organized trade union movement with the struggle for Negro rights. Following that statement [ ] listed several incidents:

1. The struggle for representatives in the merger convention of the AFL-CIO.
2. The struggle for a Negro representative on the Executive Board of the UAW.
3. Continued Jim Crow, particularly in the craft AFL unions.
4. The almost exclusion of Negro representatives and membership in the locals in the South.

These and many others [ ] indicated caused the concern of the Negro trade unionists and gave birth to A. PHILIP RANDOLPH's NALC movement.

In addition to their weaknesses on the Negro question, organized labor did little or nothing around its own program for the economic betterment of the workers; therefore, the gap was represented by an increased militancy and activity for freedom on the part of the Negro workers and the Negro movement in general and the decrease and defensiveness of the organized labor movement.

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As an aside, [ ] indicated that the Party should stress that the struggle is one for Negro labor unity as distinguished from the general characterization of Negro-white unity. This emphasis, [ ] said, shows stress on the class forces that are decisive in the progressive struggles. Therefore, the Party needs to fight for clarity in understanding the level of unity required today.

There are certain "go-it-alone" tendencies in the Negro liberation movement. These tendencies based themselves on an impatience and lack of understanding of the necessity for the unity of Negroes and labor. However, said [ ] the Party must not confuse the struggle for the unity of the Negro people for freedom with petty bourgeois nationalism. The Party must not confuse the militant demands for freedom by the Negro liberation movement, even if they go beyond the level of understanding of the working class. This should not be confused with nationalism. A progressive struggle of the Negro people is a weapon for Negro labor unity, not against it. The Negro people's movement should be "nationalist in form but revolutionary in content."

Further, said [ ] the ideology of the movement is the key question. Therefore, the Party's participation is decisive and essential. Petty bourgeois nationalism among the Negro people is in opposition to the Party's position on the Negro question. It denies the role of the working class and it denies the necessity for struggle to maintain the unity of labor and the Negro people.

It leads to separatism and constant defeat of the freedom movement of the Negro people and will hamper the overall struggle of the working class against the common enemy.

The nationalist trends among Negro people are real serious dangers and must be combated and such statements such as GEORGE MEANY's in his attack against the NAACP do not help in overcoming this gap.

The Party has stated its position on the question of de-certification of unions who do not stop Jim Crow locals. However, the Party still has the responsibility to clarify why the de-certification is wrong by placing its main attack on the Jim Crow unions and directing its main fight to those who perpetrate the Jim Crow unions. It is apparent that the Party begin a struggle to help rid the house of labor of Jim Crow. The handle for accomplishing this is the recent agreement signed at the White House by the majority of the trade union officers pledging an end to discrimination. However, this is not enough. The sound basis for Negro labor unity is the ability to forge that unity in combat with the common enemy, that is, the big business dixiecrat control of the economy. The role of the white workers is the key to the success of this unity. The major obstacle to the building of the Negro labor alliance is white chauvinism, not nationalism. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Communist Party to ideologically combat racism and chauvinism and clarify to the working class that their self-interests lie in identifying themselves with the freedom aspirations of the Negro people.

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indicated he thought the report by  was excellent but in examining the Party's position on the Negro labor alliance, it would be incorrect to say

that the proposal for de-certification made by the NAACP does not reflect some serious problems in the labor movement. They are not abstracted from manifestations of nationalism in the Negro movement. There has been a drastic impoverishment among Negro workers. This can be proved by an examination of the unemployment, relief, and housing figures. [ ] said the Party is not as yet in any full blown crisis but there is developing many pockets of poverty of which the Negro people are hardest hit. He said the Party should examine more in detail how automation has affected the Negro workers. Negro labor unity will continue to have its ups and down as certain economic developments take place in the country. [ ] continued that those in the Party should examine these trends. He said the Party has suffered from a loss of a class approach on many questions and has not spelled out specifically the tasks of white trade unionists in regards to the Negro question.

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[ ] continued and said that the Party should help popularize a slogan "Anti-Negro is Anti-labor." Also, "What Hurts the Negro People, Hurts Labor."

It would be good, said [ ] if there existed a "John Brown Society," that is, a grouping of white workers who would actively support and fight for the rights of the Negro people. [ ] said they must fight to have the trade unions live up to its pledges and end Jim Crow in the labor movement. However, there is still the need for something outside the movement which can help to influence and play a role.

Comments by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

LIGHTFOOT indicated he liked [ ] report and wanted to highlight one aspect of it, and that is that the chief obstacle in building labor alliance is the gap that exists between the Negro militant struggle and the labor movement's weaknesses in defining and fighting for its own goals. As far as the Negro question is concerned, an

organized labor movement is still living in the 1930's. It is true that for the past sixteen years or so there has not been a social gain of a decisive nature in this country. In fact, said LIGHTFOOT, certain retrogression has taken place. Somehow the Party should analyze this question and project a program with long range goals.

The major question, said LIGHTFOOT, is still how to end Jim Crow in the City of Chicago. There is no doubt that ~~one cannot~~ be successful without united action by both labor and the Negro people. The Centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation will come up in January, 1963, and the country is still beset with tokenism on the Negro question.

According to LIGHTFOOT the Party should project the idea that it is possible to make a breakthrough within the next three or four years and in this approach the Negro labor alliance is the central proposition.

LIGHTFOOT indicated he proposed that [redacted] prepare a memorandum on this question and also that [redacted] prepare a memorandum on the role of the Negro working class in the struggle for freedom. He further proposed that they find ways to support the drive for voter registration in the South. Further, LIGHTFOOT suggested that next to be discussed was the independent role of the Negro voter in the North and lastly to develop a crash economic program. Our Party, said LIGHTFOOT, has lagged in its understanding of the Negro question. For example, LIGHTFOOT indicated, in examining The Worker for the past six months and reading the reports of speeches by GUS HALL, not once did he give any major attention to the Negro question and very little on the labor movement. LIGHTFOOT indicated he was not being critical of GUS HALL. Only he was trying to dramatize the character of the problem. In conclusion, LIGHTFOOT indicated the pamphlet he wrote should be gotten out immediately to as many Negro people as is possible.

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[redacted] indicated that he attended the last subcommittee meeting of the NALC in which [redacted] led a discussion and he felt it was an excellent meeting and he thinks [redacted] is too modest sometimes. There is, [redacted] continued, a certain departmentalizing of the Negro question in the Communist Party. The Party does not seem to have a collective approach to the problem. It needs a sharper discussion and struggle in Party ranks, particularly among white trade unionists around specific issues in the Negro freedom fight. There is a need for clarity from the Party because of nationalism and the Party should struggle on this question.

[redacted] continued by saying there are some important new things that the Negro workers add to the working class. They have less illusions about the character of this country. Also, new to the working class are large sections of Southern rural white workers and they are adding a certain militancy to the labor movement, including a more advanced position on the Negro question. The labor movement is still beset with the philosophy of gradualism and this the Party must struggle to change. He said the Party should not confuse the entire American working class with the official leadership of the organized labor movement. The labor movement has no confidence that it is necessary to break Jim Crow if it is to advance and the Party must bring this clarity. The Party must help to find forums that will create struggle in the labor movement in which white comrades can play a role without getting out on a limb. The Party should struggle to concentrate on one union, that is, Jim Crow and do the kind of job that HERB HILL did on the ILGWU and begin to struggle to get rid of Jim Crow.

Lastly, [redacted] repeated the necessity for concentration on the teamsters because it still has a dominant role to play in the city. Also, [redacted] indicated they should not ignore the United Electrical Workers Union. It is small



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and weak but it can play a democratic role. [ ] said that they should continue this discussion throughout the ranks of the Party.

Comments by LOU DISKIN

DISKIN said if they were to assess the struggle against Jim Crow the Party would conclude that Jim Crow is getting licked in this country. However, he said there is a great need for ideological contents to be added to this struggle. DISKIN indicated that LIGHTFOOT's pamphlet would be a tremendous help and they should circulate it. The alliance of Negro people and labor is a historical necessity because without such an alliance labor cannot progress any longer.

In Teamsters Local #743 DISKIN indicated he had met one of the organizers, [ ] This man, DISKIN indicated, heads a staff of nine organizers, half of which are very bad and are out to unseat him. However, said DISKIN, this local seems prepared to concern itself with many problems on the Negro question, perhaps reflecting the fact that 60 per cent of its members are Negro and the Party should continue to try and find some answer to a relationship there.

Comments by JACK KLING

KLING indicated his agreement with the line of the report and he did not want to discuss directly the content of the report. KLING indicated he felt that the Party as a whole needs clarity on the Negro question because in his experience in the Party many issues involving Negro rights even when discussed in the Party find the comrades far behind in their thinking as well as in their actions. KLING mentioned a few instances to prove his point; one a pamphlet written by a rabbi was reprinted in Jewish Life and the article dealt with the status of Jews

in the Negro community. It was, KLING indicated, a critical evaluation of Jews in the Negro community but a generally accurate one. KLING indicated that many progressive and left Jews objected to Jewish Life printing this article.

Another condition said KLING is that some comrades even reflect the racist opinion on the question of housing when some have mentioned some neighborhoods that are being converted by the moving in of Negroes.

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Finally, KLING indicated, the staff should be more concrete on certain specific struggles and should come out with such proposals.

#### General Discussion

SAM DAVIS indicated that he had read the article on Jews in the Negro community and he felt some of the criticism was valid.

LIGHTFOOT then took the floor and made a motion that the follow-up of the discussion be finalized by the staff with [ ] participating. Secondly, LIGHTFOOT also recommended that [ ] issue a memorandum on this question. Further, LIGHTFOOT recommended that two-thirds of the conference include a short report by [ ] on the Negro question. All of the above proposals were adopted.

The next point on the agenda was the attack against progressive meetings in the city by the Nazis and the John Birchers. This report was given by JACK KLING.

#### Comments by JACK KLING

KLING indicated that approximately four meetings held in Chicago had been under attack as follows:

1. The Elizabeth Gurley Flynn meeting had pickets outside with vicious signs bearing anti-Semitic and anti-Negro slogans. On the inside of the meeting there were certain Birchers recognized as being from the North Shore area.

2. The meeting on anti-Semitism was also picketed by the Nazis and again Birchers were on the inside.

3. The meeting sponsored by the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship where [ ] spoke. Here there were pickets on the outside and about twelve or so inside.

4. At the Morris Schappes meeting there were pickets on the outside but here there was a slightly different development and the pickets were prevented from getting in.

The question is, said KLING, how to handle such situations. First, he said, as a common approach they should fight to keep them out of meetings altogether. This was done at the Schappes meeting and they had a little success.

Secondly, said KLING, they should call the police and not rely on them but they should make them provide the Party with protection.

KLING indicated he had discussed with the head of the Red Squad of the Chicago Police Department what to do about these forces disrupting the meetings and he was told that they should not let them into the meeting. KLING also indicated that the Party should consider establishing an "educational committee" of young fellows who can help protect these meetings on a regular basis.

Since it was getting late, KLING indicated that he would refer the finalization of these questions to the staff.

#### Proposals and Announcements

JIM WEST proposed that the Board meeting take place on Saturday, December 29, 1962, and be held at 333 West North Avenue. He suggested that the agenda include

the new Mc Carran attack and a rundown and an opinion on the various documents that are being circulated throughout the Party by anti-Party forces.

Everyone agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

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SUBJECT: NALC  
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(1 - 100- [REDACTED]) (HERBERT HILL)  
(1 - 100-19194) (A. PHILIP RANDOLPH)  
(1 - 100- [REDACTED]) (JOE OVERTON)  
(1 - 100-23825) (BEN DAVIS)  
(1 - 100-16785) (JIM JACKSON)  
(1 - 100-48033) (IRVING POTASH)  
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16 - Chicago

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(1 - 100-12890) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)  
(1 - 100-31744) [REDACTED]  
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November 23, 1962

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It was learned that on the evening of [ ]  
[ ] there was held a meeting of the CP Sub-Committee on  
NALC Work at the residence of [ ], Chicago, Illinois.

Those present were CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, [ ]  
[ ] Chairman, [ ] and [ ]

It was pointed out that apparently NATE SHARPE  
had to work that evening. [ ] then gave a short  
background report of the Negro Commission in relation to  
the NALC, and it was agreed that CLAUDE would make the main  
report, which will be supplemented by [ ] and [ ]  
[ ].

CLAUDE stated that at the first NALC Board meeting,  
the question regarding the issue of the NAACP and the ILGWU  
was discussed and that the Board was divided 6 to 7 in favor  
of a mild resolution in support of the NAACP and HERBERT HILL.  
He stated that this was very surprising since there are a  
number of union officials on the Board. Regarding this issue,  
[ ] insisted that the NALC come out with a strong  
~~and militant resolution in support of the NAACP's position~~  
and oppose RANDOLPH. Finally, a committee was set up to  
discuss the issue in order to determine the type of resolution  
to be presented on the convention floor. CLAUDE stated that

the question of the communists also came up in the Board meeting, and a number of the Board members opposed the methods which RANDOLPH was utilizing to expose communists operating in the NALC. CLAUDE said that it was surprising that [REDACTED], in attempting to get the Chicago election thrown out, had circled the name of [REDACTED] as well as the name of [REDACTED]. CLAUDE stated that he had been on the convention floor in New York on Friday morning to hear RANDOLPH's report, which was two hours long. He said that there was nothing new in RANDOLPH's report, other than perhaps that the NALC should organize another March on Washington for jobs when the new Congress convenes. CLAUDE stated that RANDOLPH did relinquish some of his power by naming [REDACTED] as an assistant to RANDOLPH and [REDACTED] was named Director of Organization.

CLAUDE said that the Party will be faced with a policy problem that has been raised by the NAACP as to whether or not the Party is for or against decertification as a weapon to oppose segregation in a local union.

CLAUDE also stated that the left in the NALC should push for a March on Washington, and should also mobilize support for an apprenticeship bill that will come up in Congress for Negro youth and that the Party should



mobilize support for this bill. He also said that the Party should push for a state NALC program in Illinois. He also discussed the TULC type organization in Detroit, and he felt that such type organization in Chicago would certainly help the Chicago NALC Chapter. He said that such an organization could be organized on a ward by ward basis. This would be an opportunity to break the DAWSON machine on the south side and elect representatives of labor to the city council.

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In conclusion, CLAUDE stated that BEN (DAVIS), JIM JACKSON, [REDACTED], POTASH and himself are of the opinion that where there are militant NALC Chapters, they will be able to function with a greater degree of autonomy. He said it is also the opinion that RANDOLPH is beginning to delegate some power. This indicates that RANDOLPH is old and unable to carry on in the future at this very rapid pace. CLAUDE stated that more than ever he would like to see the NALC continue.

[REDACTED] report in general agreed with CLAUDE's comments.

During the discussion, it was agreed that the communists and the left should put forth a greater effort in pushing the Chicago Chapter into some action that will win some gains as far as jobs for Negroes are concerned and that after the Chicago Board and membership NALC meetings are

held, that the CP Sub-Committee on NALC Work will meet and draft a program of action.

CLAUDE reported that the NEC admits their error in the approach to the NALC question though they recognize now that the problem has been solved successfully due to the splendid efforts of a number of comrades, namely [ ] and [ ] who were able to work on [ ] and [ ]

CLAUDE said that due to these efforts, we overcame the difficulty facing the Chicago Chapter.

EARL stated that there had been considerable differences of opinion on the Illinois CP Board regarding this particular issue, but that everything has worked out satisfactorily. [ ] stated that now we should drop these differences and CLAUDE agreed and apologized at this time.

It was agreed at this meeting that [ ] [ ] should be excluded from any Sub-Committee meetings and that the other comrades should refrain from contacting her, other than EARL who may contact her at his convenience.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36644)

DATE: 1-4-63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL  
(NALC)  
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  - 1 - 100-31822 (Cominfil RR Industry)
- 7 - New York (RM)
  - 1 - 100-139834 (NALC)
  - 1 - 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)
  - 1 - 100-135080 [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100- (HERBERT HILL)
  - 1 - 100- (Cominfil NAACP)
  - 1 - 100- (Cominfil ILGWU)
  - 1 - 100-84935 (Cominfil RR Industry)
- (C) 4 - Chicago
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Chicago, Illinois  
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On [ ] was overheard  
in a conversation with [ ] at the Sheraton-Atlantic  
Hotel, New York. [ ] said to [ ] that there had been  
a caucus meeting of CP members held the previous evening and the  
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, IRVING POTASH, [ ] and [ ]  
had been in attendance. [ ] said that this group agreed  
that the Party forces would fight to support HERB HILL and  
the NAACP in its fight against ILGWU and other unions, support  
the election of [ ] as National Executive Director of the  
NALC, and try to keep the Chicago delegation in check relative  
to organizational issues.

[ ] also advised [ ] that he had been instructed  
by POTASH to apprise [ ] of a railroad caucus meeting which  
would be held on November 11, 1962.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-36644) .

FROM: SA [REDACTED]  
COMINFIL

SUBJECT: NEGRO-AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL (NALC)  
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DATE: 1-31-63

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1 - St. Louis (RM)  
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(HERBERT HILL)

(COMINFIL RRFWU)

(C) 8 - Chicago

(1 - A) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-18457)  
(1 - 100-16427)  
(1 - 100-22483)  
(1 - 100-18956)  
(1 - 100-18393)  
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Chicago, Illinois  
December 6, 1962

It was learned that on [ ] a conversation was held between [ ] and [ ] in Minneapolis, Minnesota and that during this conversation [ ] spoke of the last NAALC Chicago Chapter membership meeting held on December 1, 1962. In regard to this meeting [ ] stated that it was a good meeting since the Program Committee had presented a very militant program. He further stated that the Chapter expects to have HERBERT HILL, National Secretary of the Labor Committee of the NAACP, come here to Chicago and speak on the program of fighting discrimination of the Negro people in the labor movement.

[ ] further stated that [ ] exposed the obstructionists who have held back the Chapter and the [ ] role in particular. [ ] said that [ ] sat through the meeting on December 1, 1962, and only asked one question. He said that apparently prior to the meeting she had organized four or five hecklers to attend and expose all the issues that would help her solve the problems of discrimination. He said that that same evening she called him on the telephone to get his opinion of the meeting and that she

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apparently was anxious to get back in the good graces of the comrades. [ ] said that he will arrange a Communist Party Sub-Committee meeting on NALC Work upon his return from St. Louis where he is going on December 6, 1962, in order to support the election of the St. Louis District of the Railroad Food Workers Union.

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FROM: SA [REDACTED]  
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(1 - 100-13420) (CARL WINTER)  
2 - New York (RM)  
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)  
(1 - 100- ) (HERBERT HILL)

18 - Chicago

(C) (1 - A) [REDACTED]  
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(1 - 100-19431) (CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
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Chicago, Illinois  
December 6, 1962

It was learned that on the evening of [redacted]  
[redacted] a meeting of the Industrial Commission, CP of Illinois,  
was held at the residence of [redacted]  
[redacted] Illinois, and that those present were

FRANK ROSEN, also a member of this Commission,  
because of his holding two jobs has not been able to attend  
meetings.

[redacted] first spoke of the issue of decertification  
as proposed by the NAACP to end discrimination in the local  
labor unions.

[redacted] stated that there was a midwest regional  
conference held in Chicago over the weekend. [redacted] stated  
that PHIL BART was at this conference. He also indicated that  
at this meeting CARL WINTER was concerned about the  
decertification issue and that CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) gave the  
main report regarding this issue. [redacted] also said that there  
was considerable discussion at this meeting around the role  
of white workers in fighting discrimination in their unions and  
that it was the feeling of those present that the Negro  
organizations were not fully utilizing all the agents available

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for fighting discriminatory practices. In this connection [ ] stated that if the Party cannot make a final decision on decertification, the Party currently being against it at this time, then the Party must offer an alternate program, and such a program will not come easy. [ ] stated that if the Negro organizations would file a brief and send a committee to Washington before the Ethical Practices Committee of the Civil Rights Committee of the AFL-CIO, this would be very concrete and fruitful. [ ] referred to HERBERT HILL as possibly filing these briefs but felt that actually the workers should file these briefs.

[ ] then spoke of meeting with [ ] of Steel, Local 65 of the United Steel Workers of America, on the previous evening. He said that [ ] expressed the opinion that decertification is the real problem to discrimination and that the Negro people are for decertification. He said that [ ] remarked that the NAACP had done more for the people to fight discrimination than any other organization. [ ] stated that he questioned [ ]' thinking in this regard.

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[ ] then pointed out that he felt that less than 10 per cent of the Negroes in the labor movement would support decertification. [ ] wondered how the comrades felt with whom [ ] has discussed this issue.

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[ ] said that most of them oppose it but are waiting for the Party to issue a statement stating that they are either for or against it.

[ ] stated that the Party is still grappling with this problem and does not know when a statement will actually come forth.

[ ] then wanted to discuss the NALC and the railroad program in relation to the NALC. In this connection MIKE then spoke of the Debs Forum and the main purpose of its existence. He said that it is to educate the railroad worker to the advantage of socialism. He said that from such a group (forum) we could eventually gain recruits for the Party.

[ ] told [ ] that he should have campaigned for office in his union and try to gain the chairmanship. He urged [ ] to not be afraid to go ahead.

[ ] then brought up the article which appears in the November, 1962 "Political Affairs" entitled "The FBI and American Democracy" which is an article regarding the radio interview of former FBI Agent [ ]. In relation to this article [ ] stated that the FBI, like the government, is an arm of monopoly capitalism.

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[ ] then reported to [ ] regarding the recent Railroad Club meeting and how [ ] and [ ] this time tried to lean over backwards to get along with the group. [ ] stated that some of the District leadership feel [ ] is contaminated by [ ], but that when [ ] is away from [ ], he follows the CP line. [ ] stated that he does not believe this and he feels that [ ] knows just what he is doing at all times. [ ] said that the whole [ ] group is following the Chinese CP line.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

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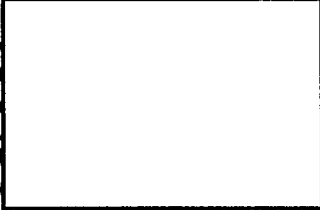
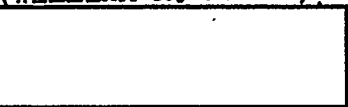
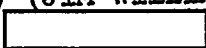
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Pages 252 and 253 of this issue contain information about the contributions to the issue and this information is as follows:

"Carlton Moss (The Negro in American Films) is a writer affiliated with the production of educational films in Hollywood, California; among them are "House on Cedar Hill," a short film on the life of Frederick Douglass, and 'George Washington Carver.' Now in production is a short film on the life of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois.

"Charles P. Howard (The Last Phase of the African Revolution) heads the Howard News Syndicate and is the accredited United Nations correspondent for the Afro-American newspapers.

"Joanne Grant (The Negro Movement-New Heights) is an Associate Editor of The National Guardian. Her article on the continuing crisis in the south was drawn from experiences in this area in the last two years.

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"Julian Mayfield (And Then Came Baldwin) is the author of "The Grand Parade." He was the only journalist present during the 1961 events in Monroe, North Carolina which he covered for the York, Pa. Gazette and Daily. Now completing his fourth novel, he also contributes articles to the Evening News in Accra, Ghana where he lives.

"Herbert Hill (The Economic Status of the Negro in the United States) is Labor Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. 'Soon, One Morning,' a book of literature by Negro Americans from 1940 to 1962, edited and with an introduction by Mr. Hill, will be published in May by Alfred A. Knopf.

"Dr. James S. Smoot was former Associate Professor of Speech at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. He is now teaching at Morgan College, Baltimore, Maryland. The article, 'The Negro Press: Voice for Civil Rights' was extracted from a larger work on the role of the Negro press.

"The contributors to the Symposium "Assault on Civil Rights" are:

" William Worthy, foreign correspondent for the Afro-American newspapers. Mr. Worthy covered the Asian-African Conference at Bandung, the Korean Truce negotiations at Panmunjam and has traveled widely in Asia and Africa. Calvin L. Hicks is a journalist and former Executive Secretary of the Monroe Defense Committee. Benjamin J. Davis first won fame as a civil rights attorney in Atlanta, Georgia. A former New York City Councilman from Harlem, he is a leading spokesman for the communist viewpoint.

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"Horace Julian Bond (Nonviolence: An Interpretation) is on the staff of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in Atlanta, Georgia.

"Carlton B. Goodlett, M. D. and Ph.D (The Task of the Peacemakers) is publisher of the Sun Reporter of San Francisco, California.

"Calvin C. Hernton who contributes the short story, "Never Alone in the World" is one of the founders of the new literary magazine UMBRA.

"Poetry is contributed by:

"Jim Williams (I Am Man) is a poet and actor who earns his living as a beverage salesman. His poem 'Spring 1960' was published in FREEDOMWAYS, Spring 1962 issue. He has appeared in productions of Othello, A Land Beyond the River and The Emperor of Haiti, Judy Wood (Equality Blues) was born in Tennessee and is now a junior honor student at City College, New York. Lawrence Gellert (Set Down For Freedom) has written words and music for a number of protest songs. Hank Davis (This Land of Mine) is a poet living in Chicago, Illinois.

"Our book reviewers include: Maude White Katz, New York writer who has made previous contributions to FREEDOMWAYS; William R. Dixon, a musician-composer recently returned from a tour of the Scandinavian countries; David Henderson, poet and short writer; Jean Carey Bond, Sylvester Leaks and Keith E. Baird have reviewed books previously in FREEDOMWAYS."

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Copies of the articles by CARLTON MOSS, HORACE JULIAN BOND, CARLTON GOODLETT, JAMES S. SMOOT and the poem by HANK DAVIS are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter to the interested offices.

On 5/12/63, [redacted] furnished information reflecting an address for [redacted] NY, NY, and an address for a Sergeant [redacted] as [redacted] Chicago 21, Illinois. These addresses were maintained by Freedomways Associates, Inc.

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A copy of the Spring, 1963 issue of "Freedomways" is on file in the library of the NYO.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-36644)

DATE: 6/18/63

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 9, 1963, made available to SA [REDACTED] orally, information concerning the April 30, 1963, NALC meeting which was held in Chicago. This information was [REDACTED] on June 4, 1963, and was duly authenticated by the informant. The original information is located in A) [REDACTED] and is as follows:

- 1 - New York (100- HERBERT BILL) (RM)
- 12 - Chicago
- 1 - A [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-35159 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-13763 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-29708 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-18685 CHARLES WILSON
- 1 - 100-22483 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- CHICAGO TRADE UNION DISCUSSIONS
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-11329 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-17850 [REDACTED]

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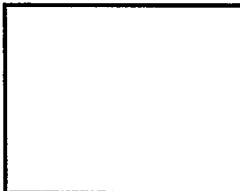
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Chicago, Illinois  
May 9, 1963

On April 20, 1963, a meeting of the general membership of the Chicago Area Chapter of the Negro-American Labor Council (NALC) was held at 7:30 PM at the Packinghouse Labor and Community Center, 4859 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Among those in attendance were:

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TIM BLACK, Chairman



CHARLES WILSON

In all there were approximately 60 individuals in attendance.

The main discussion at this meeting pertained to integration in all white employment institutions in the Loop, Englewood, Woodlawn areas of Chicago. It was stated that the Woodlawn area of Chicago does have more Negroes working in higher positions than in the Loop and Englewood areas.

TIM BLACK stated that he wished to talk about Sister LOLA BELL HOLMES. Someone from the floor hollered out, "She's no longer Sister". TIM BLACK stated that this


individual was right, that [ ] had been dropped from her position in the NAACP for reasons "which we will not discuss". He stated that everyone should know about her now.

BLACK then mentioned the mass meeting scheduled to be held May 1, 1963, at 7:30 PM at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 4130 South Indiana, Chicago, Illinois. BLACK stated that at this meeting DICK GREGORY would speak on his recent trip to the "Deep" South.

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BLACK also mentioned some Chicago trade union discussions. He mentioned that on Thursday, May 23, 1963, a dinner meeting would be held at Sarno's Restaurant and Lounge, 8615 West Roosevelt Road, Cicero, Illinois. At this meeting SAMUEL BILEY, Chairman of Chicago CIO, would be the chairman and the discussants would be HERBERT HILL, National Labor Secretary, NAACP, and ISON BEVERLY, International Representative, United Packinghouse Workers. The topic to be discussed was relations between the civil rights movement and the trade union movement. BLACK stated that the whole subject would be discussed but with special reference to the issues raised by the new NAACP policy of seeking the decertification as bargaining agents of unions that discriminate. Information concerning the

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Chicago trade union discussions could be had by contacting  
 Illinois.



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Herbert Hill, New York, New York  
Labor Secretary, National  
Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People

The "New York Post," Llux edition, a daily New York City newspaper, dated December 14, 1959, page 43, contained a feature article entitled, "Daily Close Up" of Herbert Hill describing him as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Labor Secretary and a New York City resident.

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Member of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

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City Education Committee of the SWP which was held at the headquarters of the SWP in New York City on November 2, 1942.

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) has been designated pursuant to executive order 10450.

A source on November 13, 1943, furnished information which indicated that Hill registered as a member of the Harlem Branch of the SWP as of 1946.

A second source on July 4, 1943, reported that Hill attended the 13th National Convention of the SWP held in New York City during the early part of July, 1943. During a session of this convention which took place July 4, 1943, Hill took the floor and discussed the work he had been doing in the NAACP primarily in Harlem, New York City. This work consisted of fighting police brutality against Negroes. Hill stated that the SWP had been working in the NAACP for the past three years. He added that the SWP intended to spread to all branches of the NAACP and help in the day-to-day struggle with the Negro people. According to this source, the remainder of Hill's talk was a repetition of an article, "Harlem Unrest Seethes at Police Brutality," which appeared in the "Militant" (June 21, 1943, page 1).

The "Militant" is a weekly newspaper of the SWP.

The second source on January 23, 1949, reported that Hill attended the city convention of the SWP of New York City held January 23, 1949, at New York City. During this convention Hill discussed his activity in the NAACP and complained of the small amount of help he was receiving from the Harlem Branch of the SWP. During this convention Hill was congratulated on his being elected to the Executive Board of the NAACP.

The second source on December 12, 1950, reported that Hill during 1949 had quit the SWP in a fury.

A third source on January 14, 1953, reported that Hill had completely disassociated himself from the SWP.

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A fourth source on November 30, 1953, reported that Hill had severed his connections with the Socialist Workers Party about 1949.

A name check of the indices and/or printed hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on the names Herbert Hill and Herbert Hilton Hill on April 17, 1958, by Special Employee Herbert J. Lavoie indicated no record.

A name check of the indices and/or printed hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C. on November 19, 1963, by Investigative Clerk Wayne E. Holland indicated the following which were not checked against the original source:

"Freedomways", Volume 3, Number 2, Pages 156-158, indicated Herbert Hill as a writer of an article, "Note on the Economic Status of the Negro in the United States."

"Freedomways Associates, Inc." is characterized in the appendix attached hereto;

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APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1963, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONIn Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 61-3176New York, New York  
November 27, 1963

Title            Herbert Hill, New York, New York  
                 Labor Secretary, National  
                 Association for the Advancement  
                 of Colored People

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Reference       is made to the memorandum dated  
                 and captioned as above at New  
                 York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

New York, New York  
November 27, 1963

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Herbert Hill, New York, New York  
Labor Secretary, National  
Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People

The background information regarding Herbert Hill was obtained from [redacted] New York, N.Y.; the records of Local Board 173 of the Selective Service System, New York, N.Y., the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York, N.Y., and the 1963 Manhattan telephone directory.

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The first source used is [redacted]

The second source is [redacted] New York, Former [redacted] concealed by request.

The third source is [redacted] Long Island, New York, concealed by request.

The fourth source is [redacted] New York, New York. Former [redacted] concealed by request.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted]

[redacted] personality [redacted]

This document was classified "Confidential" because it contains information from [redacted] and unauthorized disclosure of such information could impair the future effectiveness of this source and such impairment could adversely effect the defense interest of the US.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, DETROIT (100-27180)

DATE: 1/8/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: T.U.L.C.  
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INFORMANT:

[REDACTED] who has furnished  
reliable information in the  
past, (protect), but whose  
sources are unknown, but  
believed by [REDACTED] to  
be reliable.

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 11/1/63

DATE RECEIVED: 12/8/63

RECEIVED BY:

SA [REDACTED]

LOCATION:

"Detroit, Michigan  
Friday, November 1, 1963"

"This P M, a Membership Meeting of the T.U.L.C. was held at  
8670 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - 100-9641

1 - 100-13746

1 - 100-3348 (NAACP)

1 - 100-29827 (CAND)

1 - 100-31825

1 - 100-31374 (SNCC)

1 - 44-536

1 - 100-30451

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1 - 100-31457

1 - 100-32021

1 - 100-29282

1 - 100-31601 (GOAL)

1 - 100-31578 (UHURU)

2 - New York (REGISTERED) (1 - CAND - 100-146859)

(1 - HERBERT HILL)

3 - Charlotte (REGISTERED) (1 - CAND - 100-9731)

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"Horace Sheffield presided. The auditorium was packed for this general meeting. About one-third of those present were white members of the T.U.L.C. The first order of business was a report by a Jack Whitty, on the preparations of the coming "Stay-In-School" Conference, at the Rackham Building on November 9th. Mr. Irvin Rubin spoke briefly on the coming school election on November 5th. Mr. Ernest Dillard spoke briefly on the coming annual Ball at Cobo Hall on November 9th, and urged everyone to get tickets at \$6.50 per couple. The money is to be used for a Youth Center.

"A Mrs. Ruth Alden of the Detroit Free Press spoke at length urging T.U.L.C. members to continue the active civic work by helping the Womens' Auxiliary of T.U.L.C. in this year's Christmas Dress Drive...sponsored by The Detroit Free Press.

"The guest speaker of the evening was introduced by Mr. Sheffield: Mr. Herbert Hill of New York. Mr. Hill stated that the Federal Government sponsors a massive training program for those who are displaced because of automation. Also, the N.A.A.C.P. will be seeking, through the national labor relations boards, laws that would revoke the charter of trade unions that continue to discriminate against anyone. Hill pointed out that the apprentice training program is the greatest contributor to the discrimination practice of the building trades all over the country, and that the National N.A.A.C.P. and other groups like T.U.L.C. must continue to fight to get this practice stopped.

"The matter of the merger of the AFL-CIO has been a disappointing catastrophe for the Negro. Hill said that the old-line AFL heads were still in control, and continue to discriminate by using various devious methods. He stated further that those in command who wanted to help, were boxed in.

"Mr. Hill said that the trade union discrimination continues in four categories:

- "1. By exclusion from membership
- "2. By segregated locals
- "3. By seniority lines
- "4. By refusing to admit Negroes to the apprentice training program



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"He said that Management cannot be solely blamed because Union Membership is a prerequisite for employment and the Negro not being a member of the Union, is excluded.

"Mr. Hill ended his speech by summarizing the Negro revolt. 'The time has come when the Negro is no longer symbolic, but rather he has become functional'. Mr. Hill spent much time discussing the proposed Civil Rights Bill. The revised bill, he said, was not worth the paper it is written on - especially the F.E.P.C. section. The Kennedy Brothers yearly 'sold the Negro down the river'. He concluded by again urging support for a Federal Sponsored training program for the unemployed. A crash program for technical training of the least skilled, to cover millions.

"Mr. Hill is the National N.A.A.C.P. Labor Secretary. He further spoke at length on the Negro revolt and the future of organized labor. Hill expounded at length the contribution T.U.L.C. had made locally and nationally in the drive toward ending discrimination with the labor union movement. He spent some time giving statistics on the Negro unemployed as compared to the white unemployed. He specifically blames the labor unions rather than Management for the Negro's plight. He pointed out how the gains made previously were being wiped out by automation, leaving the Negro out almost completely. This, he said, was due to the massive congregation of negroes in one segment of industry. Their jobs being wiped out, leaving mostly the white skilled workers who are in the majority. This, leaving millions to roam seeking jobs that are not there, and will never be.

"Meeting adjourned 9:50 P M."

Two attachments herewith are:

Attachment 1, a throwaway issued by the TULC Education Fund indicating that a Stay-In-School Conference will be held 11/9/63, at the Rackham Memorial Building.

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Attachment number two is a throwaway captioned  
"Protect Monroe Frameup Kidnap Case" indicating that [redacted]  
[redacted] will speak along with [redacted]  
[redacted] on Friday, 11/8/63, at the  
King Solomon Baptist Church, 6125 14th Street under the  
auspices of the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants.  
Entertainment will be provided by [redacted] and [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION

That information contained herein be considered  
the next time a report is prepared on the individuals and/or  
organizations mentioned.

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SAC, DETROIT (100-3343)

May 8, 1934

SA [REDACTED]

NAACP  
RACIAL MATTERS

INFORMANT

[REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, but whose source in this instance is unknown; however, the source is believed to be reliable by [REDACTED]

DATE OF ACTIVITY

April 10, 1934

DATE RECEIVED

April 21, 1934

RECEIVED BY

SA [REDACTED]

LOCATION

SYNOPSIS:

Meeting of the Housing Committee, NAACP.

DETAILS:

At 7:00 p.m., a meeting was held at the NAACP Headquarters on Dexter Avenue. This was the Housing Committee. There were approximately 35 persons present. After the minutes, there was a report made on the Apartment Building Survey for the purpose of organizing the tenants. The survey was made in the area of 12th Street and Pingree. Fliers are to be passed out at all apartment buildings within the radius of Pingree, 12th, Delaware and 14th Streets. This will be done Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-500 (PICKETING GEC)
- 1 - 157-15 (RACIAL MATTERS)
- 1 - 157- (BERDERT HILL)
- 1 - 157-New Deal (ERNEST WILSON)

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The television closed-circuit Civil Rights Show was discussed in detail. It is scheduled for May 10, 1964. The Housing Committee has been asked to be responsible for a block of tickets.

The General Motors demonstration was discussed. It is scheduled for all day May 4, 1964. HERB HILL, DAYARD RUSTIN and others from New York are to be here. This demonstration is sponsored by the National Office. The demands on General Motors are not known by this home group. The demonstration is to be very large, with people coming from all over the country, including San Francisco, California. The Housing Committee is asking members to keep people, especially the young people, overnight. Both white and colored members of the committee offered and listed their homes. It was reported that the demonstration will be covered by National News such as CHET HUNTLEY. There is to be a program, possibly around 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. with sound trucks. HILL is asking that this be an all day affair. It is hoped that there will be picketing all day but the main part of the "program" would come off at 3:00 or 3:30 p.m.

There was a lengthy discussion on the situation in Bloomfield Hills. [redacted] Negro civil engineer, bought a lot out there. He gave \$100.00 deposit and received a receipt. But when they found out that he was a Negro, his deposit was returned. He took it to court, but no decision has been rendered. [redacted] has refused assistance from NAACP. The Housing Committee would like to take this case before the State Civil Rights Commission.

It was reported by [redacted] that he saw a film by the Gas Company about the New Detroit. Many interesting things were shown, but the Negro in Detroit seemed to have been left out and did not have a place. A Committee from this group will attempt to check this film further.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

That a new 157-New deadline be opened in regard to:

DAYARD RUSTIN  
[redacted]

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- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-525 (REV. [REDACTED])
- 1 - 157-569 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-New Dead (HERBERT HILL)
- 1 - 157-580 (PICKETING G.M.C.)
- 1 - 157-New Dead (ROY WILKINS)
- 1 - 157-15 (RACIAL MATTERS)

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- ② - New York (REGISTERED)  
(ROY WILKINS)  
(HERBERT HILL)

TO: SAC, DETROIT (100-3348)

Date: May 7, 1964

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NAACP  
RACIAL MATTERS

INFORMANT

[REDACTED] who has furnished  
reliable information in the  
past, but whose source in  
this instance is unknown;  
however, the source is  
believed to be reliable  
by [REDACTED]

DATE OF ACTIVITY

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SA [REDACTED]

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SYNOPSIS:

Membership meeting of the NAACP.

DETAILS:

At 8:00 p.m. a Membership Meeting of the NAACP was held at the People's Community Church on Woodward and Pingree. Presiding, Reverend JAMES E. WADSWORTH, President of NAACP and ARTHUR JOHNSON. JOHNSON introduced the main speaker who was Mr. HERBERT HILL, National Labor Secretary of NAACP from New York. The meeting was well attended, approximately 300 to 350 persons. It was announced previously that Mr. HILL would unveil the National plan for an attack against General Motors Corporation. Mr. HILL did that in part, however, he did not give specific dates. The dates for the plan are to be announced after the Midwest Regional Conference which is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana, this weekend. Fifty cities in the United States, starting with the Boulevard Building of General Motors will be picketed by thousands of Negroes and whites. The campaign calls for beginning with General Motors in Detroit because this is the main headquarters and because of the lack of Negro white collar or supervisory personnel. When Mr. HILL asked for the support of Detroiters in this project, he received a three to five minute ovation. An attempt will be made to get tens of thousands to begin this picket of the General Motors Building. From Detroit it will follow to other large cities. HILL pointed out the buying power of the 20 million Negroes insofar as General Motors was concerned. He said a meeting had been held with a Mr. LEWIS SEATON, ROY WILKINS and himself. Mr. SEATON, according to Mr. HILL, failed to recognize that Negroes are loyal to purchasing of products made by General Motors. In spite of the fact that eight percent of the entire labor work forces are Negroes, what the NAACP wants is a share of the high salary white collar and supervisory jobs. Mr. HILL said nothing but an honest attempt at this will the NAACP let up with this campaign.

After the Midwest Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, ARTHUR JOHNSON will start recruiting organizations for the mass picketing of General Motors Building.

After announcements and songs, the meeting was adjourned.

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RECOMMENDATION

That a new 157-New deadline be opened in regard to:

HERBERT HILL  
ROY WILKINS

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- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-571 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-9641 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-543 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-28789 (CORE)
- 1 - 157-580 (PICKETING GMC)
- 1 - 157-New Dead (JAMES CARTER)
- 1 - 100-3348 (NAACP)
- 1 - 157- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157- (HERBERT HILL)
- 1 - 157- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-New Dead (ARETHA BAILEY)
- 1 - 157-15 (RACIAL MATTERS)

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① New York (REGISTERED)  
(HERBERT HILL)

TO: SAC, DETROIT (157-283)

Date: May 8, 1964

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: OPERATION NEGRO EQUALITY (ONE)  
RACIAL MATTERS

INFORMANT

[REDACTED] who has furnished  
reliable information in the  
past, but whose source in  
this instance is unknown;  
however, the source is  
believed to be reliable  
by [REDACTED]

DATE OF ACTIVITY

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SA [REDACTED]

LOCATION

SYNOPSIS:

Meeting of Steering Committee  
(Operation Negro Equality).

DETAILS:

At 2:00 p.m., a meeting of the Steering Committee (Operation Negro Equality) was held. There were 21 members of the Committee present. [REDACTED] presided.

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[REDACTED] gave a brief report on a petition that has been filed against the Building Trades Union with the State Civil Rights Commission.

[REDACTED] reported on the sympathy picket by CORE against General Motors. After her report, a general discussion was held regarding the project of beginning negotiations with the Big Four of the auto industry. JAMES CARTER, Chairman of the Committee, was not present but he did telephone and reported that the letter was ready. The Steering Committee went on record as opposing the project being started by the NAACP without having even discussed it with ONE, which is supposed to be the organization in Detroit to be briefed on these matters. [REDACTED] stated that there was no master plan. It is an attempt by the NAACP to get into the freedom struggle on a nationwide basis.

This project of mass demonstration would not hinder the proposed program of ONE. [REDACTED] suggested that since ONE has been planning this negotiation type attack against the auto industry in Detroit, ONE should not let the plan of Mr. HILL from New York change this. This was brought about because of a suggestion by [REDACTED] that if the NAACP were planning anything against General Motors, maybe ONE should not follow through. By a unanimous vote, CARTER's Committee was directed to proceed at once in getting the letters to the auto industry.

The Public Forum portion of the open meeting will be changed from a discussion on delinquency in the schools

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to the NAACP's plans for a mass demonstration at the General Motors Building. A Mrs. BAILEY and [ ] are to chair this phase of the program.

It was agreed by the Committee that better communication between the Press and ONE is most important at this time. [ ] will replace [ ] in this area. [ ] has accepted a job in Washington, D. C. It was decided to have a social hour following the April 22nd meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That a new 157-New deadline be opened in regard to:

JAMES CARTER  
ARETHA BAILEY

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 157-541  
1 - 157-569  
1 - 100-24644  
1 - 100-32021  
1 - 100-31374 (SNCC)  
1 - 157- (HERBERT HILL)  
1 - 157-15 (RACIAL MATTERS)

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1 - New York (REGISTERED)  
(HERBERT HILL)

TO: SAC, DETROIT (100-3348)

Date: May 8, 1964

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NAACP  
RACIAL MATTERS

INFORMANT

[REDACTED] who has furnished  
reliable information in the  
past, but whose source in  
this instance is unknown;  
however, the source is  
believed to be reliable  
by [REDACTED]

DATE OF ACTIVITY

April 9, 1964

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SA [REDACTED]

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SYNOPSIS:

Meeting of the Housing Committee of NAACP.

DETAILS:

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At 7:30 p.m. a meeting of the Housing Committee of NAACP was held at the Dexter Avenue Hall. [ ] presided. He gave a brief report of his experience with the Jacksonville, Florida, demonstration march in which he participated at Easter.

[ ] and [ ] gave a report on the hotel negotiations at the Park-Shelton with [ ]. The Committee all agreed that with the progress made to date with all the hotels, direct action against any of them would be unnecessary. The real problem, it was stated, is finding qualified Negro people to send to the hotels for employment.

[ ] gave a report on the Apartment House plan, particularly the organization of the tenants in the 12th - Linwood area to force owners to fix and clean up their buildings. Definite targets will be selected at next week's meeting.

The housing situation in Dearborn, Michigan, was discussed at length. As soon as it can be determined by the NAACP if the Human Relations Committee in Dearborn is functioning, efforts will be made to work and negotiate through them. If this is not successful, secondary boycotts will be started to force merchants there to recognize the evils and wrong-doings of Dearborn City officials in their attitude toward Negroes.

The Board of Directors of NAACP asked the Housing Committee to assume leadership in promoting the Civil Rights Program now being broadcast nationwide. The Detroit Branch has rented the Fox Theater for May 19, 1964, for this television show. The Housing Committee rejected the proposal by the Executive Committee to take this leadership because this committee is the only one in the branch pledged to direct action programs. The Committee decided to continue to seek targets for direct action.

[ ] announced that he has been invited to speak at the Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church at 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening, April 12, 1964. He asked that as many as possible of

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the Housing Committee go with him and to meet him at the NAACP Office at 7:00 p.m. Sunday. He said that he was going to speak on "Property Values and Attitudes Toward the Negro". Several persons volunteered to go with him.

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The meeting was well attended. Several of the formerly active white young people who left after the Barney Kalish affair were present. Some were very outspoken in support of seeking targets for action. A plea was made for support of the [redacted] presentation at Cobo Hall April 26, 1964. Everyone was urged to attend the NAACP membership rally at the People's Community Church at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 10, 1964. HERBERT HILL, Labor Secretary of the National Office, New York will be the main speaker. A young white girl named [redacted] made a strong plea for NAACP support of SNCC programs in Detroit.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

SAC, DETROIT (100-3348)

May 8, 1964

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RACIAL MATTERS

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SA [REDACTED]

LOCATION

SYNOPSIS:

Membership meeting of the NAACP.

DETAILS:

A membership meeting of NAACP was held at Peoples  
Community Church, Woodward Avenue. Reverend E. WADSWORTH,  
president of the NAACP and ARTHUR JOHNSON, Executive-Secretary,  
presided. There were approximately 150 persons present.

After the membership reports and a general discussion  
on the NAACP sponsored television show at the Fox Theater,  
WADSWORTH and JOHNSON began outlining plans for the May 4th  
demonstration. Different groups are asked to make their own

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signs, to read in support of the NAACP project. The entire building will be circled, with leaders from NAACP stationed at various points to give direction. Thousands of leaflets are being printed to be distributed at churches this Sunday. According to JOHNSON, these leaflets are to give direction as to what is expected by the demonstrators. Every attempt will be made to avoid violence of any kind or destruction of any kind. Reverend WADSWORTH called upon all present to do everything possible to assist with carrying on an orderly protest.

The leader will be HERBERT HILL from New York who is expected to be in Detroit by Sunday. It is planned that groups will begin assembling at 12:00 noon. It is expected to last until 6:00 p.m. There are two rallies planned. One to begin at 1:00 p.m. and the other at 4:00 p.m. Speakers will talk from loud speakers on automobiles. A large crowd is expected throughout the day. Everyone will be instructed not to go inside the General Motors Building for anything.

JOHNSON finally pointed out that this is a national project and will be carried on in other cities following the action in Detroit. It was pointed out that there is no follow-up program or specific demands being made at this time. If so, the Detroit Branch is not aware of what they are.

Everyone present pledged to be at the General Motors Building on Monday.

The balance of the meeting was a talk regarding the membership campaign.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

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1 - 157-569 [REDACTED]  
1 - 157-637 (ROY WILKINS)  
1 - 157-626 (HERBERT HILL)  
1 - 157-New Dead (JIM FEATHERSTONE)  
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TO: SAC, DETROIT (100-3348)

Date: June 4, 1964

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT NAACP  
RACIAL MATTERS

INFORMANT

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May 5, 1964

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SYNOPSIS:

Meeting of NAACP Housing Committee.

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DETAILS:

"Detroit, Michigan  
Thursday  
April 30, 1964

"At 8:00 p.m. a meeting of the Housing Committee (N.A.A.C.P.) was held on Dexter Avenue. [ ] presided. After the minutes of the last meeting, he immediately began discussing the demonstration May 4th at the General Motors Building. All men of the Housing Committee are asked to serve as 'Marshalls'. Arm bands will be issued. As many men as possible will be recruited to mingle through the crowd to keep order and to make sure that there isn't any disturbance. A meeting is set for Saturday with all the 'marshalls' to give them instructions on their responsibilities.

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[ ] attended the meeting tonight. He said [ ] and HERBERT HILL from New York are expected to fly in Sunday. A Press conference is scheduled for them on Sunday also. [ ] said, as he has before, that there will be two programs, one at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. They will consist of speeches and singing. The program is being handled by the New York office. At this point, according to [ ] there is no talk of boycott in Detroit but he felt certain that this is a prelude to the long planned nationwide boycott of General Motors products. [ ] urged the committee members to do everything possible to keep things peaceful on Monday. At this point there is no way to determine how many will participate. Enclosed are two flyers which are being passed out in Detroit this weekend. Thousands of them were at the headquarters. Every means will be used to get them distributed. Everyone is expected to make his own sign. [ ] and [ ] ended this discussion by saying that we are going to peacefully hurt General Motors.

"The Apartment building program was discussed. This past weekend hand bills were distributed in the designated areas. No response at this time.

"JIM FEATHERSTONE reported on a tour he had with a salesman in Dearborn. He was shown homes and was given the opportunity to purchase.

[redacted] from the Dearborn County Council has invited representatives from the Housing Committee to meet with them Tuesday, May 5th. A group of four was selected. They are to discuss the program of the Housing Committee and our determination to break the segregated housing pattern in that suburb. [redacted] is leading a plan where five Negroes will visit apartments in white areas for the purpose of getting specific cases for the Civil Rights Committee. If they are denied apartments, the plan calls for phoning the police and a follow-up with State Civil Rights Committee. Four other persons volunteered to go with him. Motels in the Detroit area will also be checked in the same manner.

"The T.V. show was discussed and the enclosed handbill is being circulated to the membership.

"NOTE: Representatives from 45 cities in the U.S.A. are expected Monday."

RECOMMENDATION

That information contained herein be considered the next time a report is prepared on individuals and/or organizations mentioned.

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1 - 100-21543 (BUDDY BATTLE)  
1 - 157-543 [REDACTED]  
1 - 157-610 [REDACTED]  
1 - 157-580 (PICKETING G.M.  
BUILDING)  
1 - 157-626 (HERBERT HILL)  
1 - 157-525 [REDACTED]

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MR. BAKER  
MR. MERRILL  
MR. HYDE

TO : SAC, DETROIT (157-283).

DATE: 6/11/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : OPERATION NEGRO EQUALITY (O.N.E.)  
RACIAL MATTERS

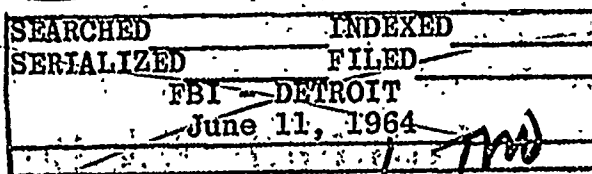
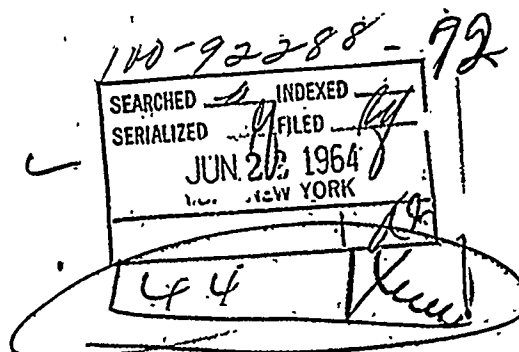
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DETAILS:

"Detroit, Michigan  
Wednesday  
May 6, 1964

"The Executive Board meeting of O.N.E. was lengthy and stormy tonight. [ ] called the meeting to discuss plans for the General Motors negotiations scheduled for May 8th.

"First, a report was made on the negotiations with the Ford Motor Company which was held on April 30th. A Mr. Baker and Mr. Merrill represented Ford, [ ] Buddy Battle, [ ] and [ ] represented O.N.E. They reported that the meeting was very cordial, however, nothing but promises of improvement would be made.

"The first controversy in the meeting tonight came about because [ ] representing C.O.R.E., strongly criticized [ ] for making referrals when the Ford Motor Company representatives said that they could not find capable women to fill vacancies. [ ] told them that capable negro women could be referred to them. [ ] and some others, including Irvine Ruben objected to referrals in negotiations. They did not want it to appear to the Company that O.N.E. was interested in promoting anyone by referrals from T.U.L.C. because they had such a list available. Once again inter-organizational rivalry entered into the discussion. The matter was put to a vote and it was decided that the Negotiating Team would more or less be guided by circumstances as they developed. If the Companies requested referrals and they had persons available, to do so.

"Ford promised another meeting in 60 days but the Committee said the Company was skeptical of O.N.E. because so many other organizations had contacted them and they did not know who to talk with but that the Company admitted that De Facto segregation and discrimination did exist but they are attempting to do something about it.

"The next lengthy discussion was the General Motors situation, whether or not to continue with present plans due to the N.A.A.C.P. demonstration last Monday. It was generally agreed that the N.A.A.C.P. were doing a lot of loud talking with no specific plans. Someone asked Richard Austin, who is a member of the N.A.A.C.P. Board of Directors, if he was aware of a telegram sent

"to General Motors by Herb Hill. He said, faultly ~~no~~ and that this action was taken solely at the National level. The Detroit Branch knows nothing about future plans. The group felt this when Mr. Hill got before the mike and sounded off without a definite follow-up program.

"The local leadership of N.A.A.C.P. was severely condemned because [redacted] is a member of O.N.E. and since this negotiation has been in the planning for months, O.N.E. should go ahead and forget the Detroit Branch because he knew before this demonstration what O.N.E. was planning.

"It was agreed that Carter should contact [redacted] as a last resort and invite him to be a member of the team. It is expected that he will decline. It was voted to continue present plans. The O.N.E. team will consist of [redacted] a Mr. Hyde who works for General Motors as a union man, and [redacted]

"The meeting is scheduled for Friday with a lawyer and a Personnel man, whose names were not immediately obtainable. In their letter of reply making the appointment for General Motors, they told Mr. Carter of two others. The Executive Board feels that General Motors have good intentions and will not object to O.N.E's Committee of five. The Negotiating Committee were told specifically not to make demands but rather to state specific complaints and attempt to work out an upgrading system for the General Motors employees. Lewis Carter and other members of the Auto Industry Committee spent several weeks doing research in preparation for the session with General Motors. They felt that it was necessary to get as many facts as possible before attempting to even talk with the General Motors officials.

[redacted] and [redacted] were continuously berated for the poor leadership that N.A.A.C.P. puts forth in the Civil Rights movement in Detroit. [redacted] spoke at length on the reasons behind the organization of O.N.E. In the first place it was to bolster and give support to N.A.A.C.P. through a united effort. Ever since then the N.A.A.C.P. has almost ignored O.N.E. although [redacted] is the Treasurer. Richard Austin stated that [redacted] has never brought to the attention of the Board of Directors anything that O.N.E. is trying to do. Several other members of the Board are also concerned about the demonstration last Monday and why it is that the Detroit Branch did not know more about what was going on and the future plans.

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"Finally it was decided that since the N.A.A.C.P. is an active part of O.N.E., [redacted] will be contacted Thursday morning and invited to take part in the General Motors talks. He is not expected to accept but as a courtesy to the local branch and since the primary concern is with local upgrading in employment, he will be asked to participate. A final session of the General Motors Negotiating Team will be held at the home of [redacted] Thursday night to go over the plans for discussion with General Motors.

"Chrysler and American Motors accepted the request of O.N.E. Meeting dates with these companies were accepted by O.N.E."

RECOMMENDATION

That information contained herein be considered at the next time a report is prepared on individuals and/or organizations mentioned. It is also recommended that a 157-New Dead be opened in regard to RICHARD AUSTIN.

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HERBERT HILL

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RECOMMENDATION

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Detroit, Michigan  
Thursday  
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At 8:00 p.m., a meeting of the Labor Committee of N.A.A.C.P. was held at the headquarters on Warren Avenue. [redacted] Chairman, spent most of the meeting time relating to the group what had transpired at the Board meeting last Monday.

First, the Board rejected the Labor Committee's plan for an attack on Chrysler, especially the sewing plant on Vernor Highway. Also, a directive has been received that all complaints of discrimination in industry must first be filed with Herbert Hill, National N.A.A.C.P. Secretary. The group debated the necessity for this action and pointed out that this would kill the effectiveness of our group. The Board also failed to approve the Committee's plan for action against the Building and Trade Unions. He said [redacted] was attempting to block everything that came up before the Board.

At the Board meeting last Monday, it was revealed that the Detroit Branch membership is down from 25,000 to 15,000. This is creating quite a bit of controversy among the Board members. A Fall membership drive is being planned. It was generally agreed that the "grass roots" people are not clinging to the N.A.A.C.P., mainly because of the inactivity of the Branch Committees. The Board members agreed to keep the membership total secret because many people are under the impression that we have over 25,000. There is much discontent throughout because of N.A.A.C.P.'s failure to openly support the negro candidates for Common Council.

[redacted] told the group tonight that there were serious problems within the organization over finances. Two bookkeepers were fired recently and the secretary has resigned. The details are being carefully kept from the public.

At next week's meeting, the Labor Committee is to discuss and come up with a program of action. It was made clear that the Board must approve all programs before they are put into effect.

The N.A.A.C.P. Education Committee will stage a demonstration during Education Week in October. They are asking the support of the Labor Committee. Details will be announced this weekend.

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Chicago, Illinois  
February 23, 1968

There was held on February 10, 1968, in Cleveland,  
Ohio, at the Statler Hotel, a National NALC Executive  
Board meeting. Approximately 38 individuals attended  
this meeting, including:

[redacted] National  
President from New York

[redacted] National  
Treasurer from New York

[redacted] National Secretary  
from New York

[redacted] from Baltimore  
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[redacted] from New Rochelle,  
New York

[redacted] from New York City  
[redacted] from Pittsburgh  
[redacted] from Chicago  
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(FNU) BROWN, from Cleveland

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Known Communist Party members attending this board meeting were [ ] and [ ] from Chicago and [ ] from New York City.

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The meeting was chaired by [ ] from New York, the National President of the NALC.

[ ] the National Treasurer, in his financial reports stated that the NALC account has been audited and that there is about \$7,000 in the treasury.

One of the main reasons for this National Executive Board meeting was to discuss an agenda and prepare for a proposed national NALC convention. In this regard a delegation from Youngstown, Ohio, presented a proposal that a national convention be held in Youngstown, Ohio, on May 25 and 26, 1968. This proposal was accepted.

In connection with a forthcoming convention, a number of speakers were proposed, among whom are MARTIN LUTHER KING of Atlanta, CARL STOKES, Negro Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, Congressman CONYERS of Detroit, Michigan, I. W. ABEL, National President of United Steelworkers of America of Pittsburgh, A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, former National President of the NALC from New York City, and HERBERT HILL, NAACP Labor Secretary from New York.

Consideration was also given for having RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL as guest speakers for the convention. However, the group in general felt that these two individuals should not be considered as such. There was consideration, however, given to having ADAM CLAYTON POWELL of New York as a speaker.

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The group agreed that there should be five workshops held at the forthcoming convention.

At this time the question concerning peace was then raised by [ ] who stated that he had attended the Labor Leadership Conference held in Chicago in November, 1967, and he felt that he could not visualize a Negro labor orientated organization not taking a strong stand at its forthcoming convention regarding the racist war in Vietnam. [ ] stated that while there is poverty and suffering in the black communities, black people dying in Vietnam and to take democracy eight thousand miles away when the black people do not have it at home, that we should be against the war in Vietnam. He said that the three billion dollars spent for the war in Vietnam could be spent here in the United States to reconstruct our cities, build hospitals and schools and homes.

[redacted] of Baltimore, also a member of the Maryland State Legislature, took exception to [redacted] proposal, stating that he can take a position toward favoring the war in Vietnam since we are busy fighting communism there.

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At this point [redacted] stated that he supports [redacted] proposal that this group take a position regarding the racist war. [redacted] stated that black people are being killed in Vietnam and billions being spent in connection with the war and that the only thing the JOHNSON Administration is doing here is reserving 35 million dollars to keep peace on the streets in the United States this summer. Yet with billions of dollars being spent eight thousand miles away, [redacted] stated, black babies are being denied milk in American cities and the Poverty Program has been practically cut out of existence. We as the NALC must take a position on the racist war and the waste of American resources in Vietnam.

At this time [redacted] stated that now is the time for the black Americans to take a side and stick with it. [redacted] stated that this has been one of our problems, that we constantly vacillate on issues rather than doing something about it.



At this time a vote was taken concerning  
[ ] proposal and everyone voted in favor of the  
proposal except [ ] and [ ]

Reports from various NALC chapters present were made concerning their activities and in general all chapters seem to have the problem of building NALC because of the black nationalist elements and the continued polarization of the Negro people who seem to withdraw and lose confidence in the American labor movement which is dominated by the GEORGE MEANY - LOVESTONE combine. Furthermore, from remarks made, there are a number of black organizations being established which no longer have confidence in the so-called white liberals and therefore seem reluctant to join up with NALC, NAACP, Urban Leagues and such type organizations. It was also pointed out that NALC is having problems with the black power elements in all the cities represented.

One of the workshops which is planned to be held at the national convention is to be "Fighting Discrimination in the Building Trades."